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CHARLES PERKINS (left) was once described in a newspaper editorial as "a stirrer of our collective consciences." The editorial referred to his championship of the Aboriginal cause. In the early sixties he organised a series of "freedom rides" by Aborigines through some of the most racially troubled towns in New South Wales. In 1974 the then head of the Aboriginal Affairs Department, Mr Dexter, charged Perkins under the Public Service Regulations after Perkins had accused the Liberal and Country parties of being the "biggest racist parties in the world." And a few months ago, Perkins bitterly condemned Prime Minister Fraser for allowing oil drilling to go ahead at Noonkanbah. Fraser's inactivity and the "storm trooper Nazi attitude" of Western Australian premier Sir Charles Court, had set back race relations in Australia by 10 years, he said. More recently still, he came under fire for accusing tennis star Evonne Cawley of forgetting her Aboriginal background. That is Charles Perkins, fighter for Aboriginal rights, deputy secretary of the Aboriginal Affairs Department and chairman of the Government's Aboriginal Development Commission. He's just as fearless and hard-hitting as Charlie Perkins, former soccer player and coach and former president of Canberra City. In this article he urged ASF president Sir Arthur George to resign, he casts doubts on the suitability of Canberra City's administration and he outlines a blueprint for soccer's future. Perkins, 44, was player-coach of Pan Hellenic in Sydney, and Croatia and Budapest in South Australia where he also captained the State team. He played for Bankstown in Sydney and had a year on trial with Everton in England.

Heads must roll in big shake-up

IT'S J.U.S.T. v MAKEDONIA

• Hakoah goalkeeper Michael Fryszer leaps high to catch the ball above Footscray J.U.S.T. captain Jim Kondarios in their Victoria Cup semi-final at Olympic Park.

J.U.S.T. won 2-1 in extra time to qualify for the Cup final against Preston Makedonia on Saturday night. Makedonia had a sensational 1-0 victory over mighty South Melbourne Hellas, with the goal coming from George McMillan, the star of the competition so far.

See pages 6 and 7 for full Cup details. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

SO LONG

This is the last issue of "Soccer Action" for 1980.

We wish our readers, advertisers and contributors an enjoyable festive season.

We'll be back in late January for what will be the most important year in Australia's soccer history.

It is the year of the world youth finals to be played here It is the year of Australia's World Cup qualifying games and it is the first year of summer soccer for the enlarged, 16-club Philips League.

By CHARLIE PERKINS

Razzamatazz, marketing and television are to Australian soccer what cosmetic surgery is to an ageing screen siren. It won't keep the wrinkles from coming back.

The strategy being implemented to drag soccer into the forefront is not appropriate.

We are being fed mumbo-jumbo. We are being presented with a high-faluting facade that is not meaningful, that does not connect up with the Australian community. The whole thing is too entrepreneural.

I accept fully that the marketing people employed to popularise soccer are experts in their field but the product may be simply unmarketable in its present form.

Rather than try to inspire greater success at the top levels of the sport, we should be striving to improve at grass roots level.

Soccer's greatest asset is its numerical strength yet this strength is dissipated because leagues, associations, federations and clubs are fragmented from each other and within.

Every day there is new evidence of disharmony between the Philips League and one State or another. Every day there is news about the financial plight of one club or another.

The mess in which Canberra City finds itself is typical of so many clubs in Australia. In their mad rush to comply with the criteria of so-called "professional soccer" they lose their sense of reality, they spend more than they earn and they catapult themselves toward eventual disintegration.

A drastic shake-up is necessary now at club, Philips League and Australian Soccer Federation levels. Otherwise, by 1983, we'll find ourself back in the chaos that followed previous misdirected attempts to lead soccer into new directions.

Unless we adopt a realistic programme to strengthen the game at grass roots level and to tailor our expenditure by the cloth of our income, the Philips League in particular has no future at all.

At the moment there is no connection between the PSL and the Australian public.

As a first step, I suggest Sir Arthur George's ASF administration, and the administration of the NSW Federation, should resign and hand the reins of power to men with new ideas and a new approach. Although they have done some fine work, I believe it is time for them to reconsider their position and make way for younger people.

Jealousy, distrust

Let's see if we can't bring back talented men like Jim Bayutti and Frank Parsons, and introduce fellows like Johnny Warren to the top level of soccer management.

Such new management must increase the level of co-operation between the PSL and the States and finally must bring about a more direct connection between the ASF and PSL. In other words the PSL must be given representation of the ASF.

Clubs must be forced to link up with suburban communities. They must have their own ground either on long-term lease or freehold, rather than float around from place to place as so many of them have done for so long.

In tying themselves to suburbs or districts, the big clubs must establish a strong relationship with the smaller clubs around them.

It should be made possible for local players to flow naturally through the ranks from the juniors of the local district club, through that club's reserves and seniors, to the local State League clubs and from there into the distrct's Philips League team.

At the moment, no such machinery exists. Every step in that progression encounters a hurdle, be it inter-club distrust or jealousy, unreasonable transfer fees, lack of communication caused simply because clubs do not know each other, or plain spite that is part and parcel of the general fragmentation I mentioned earlier.

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REPORT from COCA-COLA BOTTLERS Page 10

St. George forward Roy Cotton — he's leaving.

Paul Kay — on contract until 1982.

Cotton going, Kay staying

St. George striker Roy Cotton is transfer-listed.

Cotton, former Aldershot and Leyton Orient player, has played with the Saints for two seasons.

In 1974 the classy Cotton was capped for the English youths.

He is undecided about staying in Australia after Saints failed to offer him better terms for next season.

If Cotton stays he will play in the PSL.

Rumours concerning the wholesale exodus of Saints' first team players are untrue according to general manager Les Bordacs.

"There have been rumours about Paul Kay but he is under contract to us until the end of the 1981 season," he said.

"We had a meeting with the players two weeks ago and we told them that we will honor all contracts.

"We want to have a strong team next year and we will groom a few youngsters but the basis of the team will rest with the experienced players," Bordacs ended.

St. George has appointed Frank Arok as coach for next season. He will arrive in Australia later this year.

Arok will bring two Yugoslavs, a striker and a midfielder, both in their late 20's.

The striker was the leading scorer in last season's Yugoslav Second Divison.

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'We are fed up' says Federation boss

NSW OUT OF PHILIPS CUP

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs has boycotted the 1981 Philips Cup which is to be marketed as the most glamorous competition of the season.

The Philips League decided only two weeks ago that the ballyhoo that surrounded the 1980 league grand final should be transferred to the Cup final next year.

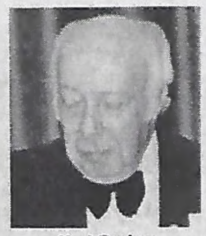
The NSW Federation boycott means that no NSW State League teams will compete in the Cup, thus robbing the competition of some of its appeal.

NSW's State League entrants would have been Melita Eagles, Auburn, Canterbury Marrickville and probably Inter-Monaro.

The boycott decision was made by the NSW Federation annual general meeting.

Federation president Karl Rodny said the decision was made because:

- The PSL intended again to seed the PSL clubs and pair them geographically instead of agreeing to NSW's request that there should be an open draw;
- The start of the Philips Cup would clash with the NSW Ampol Cup, which is unfair to Ampol, the oldest sponsor of Australian soccer;
- There was no consultation by the PSL with the States over the timing and structure of the Philips Cup.



Karl Rodny

"We are fed up," Rodny said. "We are no longer going to be treated like second-class citizens."

He said the decision was final and irreversible.

"The splits which exist will continue to exist until the PSL shows it is willing to co-operate," Rodny said.

Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulos, a member of the PSL management committee, said he hoped that the NSW bosses still could be persuaded to change their minds.

If not, he added, the Philips Cup would go ahead without the NSW State League clubs.

The PSL management committee will discuss the boycott at a meeting today (Wednesday).'

The PSL was increased from 14 to 16 clubs recently but it is not yet known whether this will entail enlargement also of the Cup competition.

Victoria's likely entrants are Croatia, Ajax and Hakoah.

Barry Kelso

Dunne for Brisbane

Brisbane City followed up last week's signing of Blacktown's Paul Wilkinson by beating Heidelberg and Makedonia in the race for former Eire international Jimmy Dunne of Victoria State League club Ajax.

Wilkinson was signed for $3,000 even though he hadn't finished his contract with the Demons. His healthy signing-on fee, in excess of $3,000 should compensate for money he may have lost by not seeing out the full term of his contract with Blacktown.

The Dunne deal was discussed at length last week but talks broke down when City rejected Ajax's asking price.

Dunne will join his friend and City player-coach George Potter.

Ajax brought Dunne to Australia earlier this year on a three-year contract.

He had a distinguished career with English club Fulham.

City's tall striker Barry Kelso was transfer-listed late last week.

The Brisbane club is negotiating with a striker from Scottish Premier League club Airdrie but Airdrie's asking price, $60,000, is holding up the deal.

By the middle of next February City's new $750,000 grandstand will be completed and will rank as one of the finest stands in an Australian soccer arena

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Little Clarinda has all it needs to get to the top

Possible amalgamation with Slavia; TV coverage of its Greek Summer Cup; backing to the tune of at least $500,000 and two players from Greece for next season are the progressive plans of Victorian club Clarinda.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Clarinda gained promotion from Division Three of the District League this year but the club aims at a bigger step forward than promotion to Division Two.

An application for advancement to any vacancy in a higher league was lodged by Clarinda with the VSF four weeks ago and club president John Grezos talked with Slavia president John Kosnar about a possible merger.

But Slavia was not in favor of the amalgamation, as manager Tony Vrzina pointed out.

"If we are going to amalgamate with an ethnic club they will take over and Slavia will lose its identity," said Vrzina.

"What we are looking at is developing a cosmopolitan team.

"There are lots of influential people who are not involved with clubs or have been kicked out of the game because of the incompetency of some club administrations.

"We want them in a new Slavia with a professional management.

"Our plans involve turning Slavia into a limited company," he said.

But the failure of Clarinda's attempt to merge with Slavia will not hold back the development of this progressive club.

Clarinda is a Greek club in a predominantly Greek area.

The club's home ground is under the control of Oakleigh council and two Greek councillors, John Salvaris and John Pyrgos, have helped Clarinda greatly.

The Oakleigh council spent $48,000 to develop Grange Reserve in Osborne Avenue, South Clayton.

This is the home of Clarinda and was officially opened earlier this year.

The council spent $15,000 for floodlights, $7,000 for pipe fencing and next year a further $12,000 will be spent for a wire fence around the complex.

A pavilion incorporating changing rooms, referee's area, showers, toilets and an exercise area will be built next year for $80,000.

Social rooms worth $50,000 also will be built but the greatest step forward for Clarinda came when Oakleigh council paid a massive $360,000 for land adjacent to Grange Reserve.

This will be developed over the next two years and senior and junior pitches will be built.

A prominent club official will fly to Greece shortly to look for players.

At present Clarinda is negotiating with two players from the Greek Second Division.

One is 21-year-old striker Mousouris from Lamia who intends to migrate to Australia.

Should Clarinda gain a place in the Metropolitan or Provisional Leagues it will look for another two players from Greece.

The club will have $10,000 to spend on transfer and signing on fees for season 1981.

High on the list of wanted players is Hellas youngster Angelos Petrakos, 17.

But Clarinda's greatest achievement is to secure TV coverage for the Greek Summer Cup which the club will host in January next year.

Ross Reserve, Springvale is the likely venue and Malcolm Fraser, Brian Dixon, prominent Greek embassy officials, VSF officials and Oakleigh councillors will be among the invited guests.

Channel 0 will cover the six-week competition and Clarinda, South Oakleigh, Caulfield, Mordialloc, Murrumbeena, and Malvern City are the likely participants.

A junior parade will highlight the cup and will involve hundreds of children with Australian, Greek and club flags flying at the head of each group.

Not bad for a club which played in the 11th lowest league in Victoria this year.

Marwe in for the 'disco freaks?'

West Adelaide followed up its axing of six players by signing 23-year-old left back Gordon Haig from South Australian State League club Campbelltown.

It is believed Haig's transfer fee was $3,000.

Last year's first team came under heavy criticism from club secretary Mr D. Carapetis.

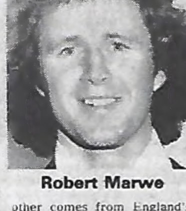
"We started off okay but it soon became evident that we had a group of disco freaks in the first team," he said.

"This bunch lasted 20 minutes, then could hardly move in most matches."

"We didn't expect to perform so poorly but the loss of David Jones to Adelaide City wrecked the defence. His loss and a spate of injuries contributed greatly to our downfall," he said.

Wests are hoping to sign two players from the U.K.

One has played in the Scot-



Robert Marwe

other comes from England's Northern Premier League.

First team coach Billy Birch is expecting big things from Haig and he hopes to sign three overseas players in all, along with seven local players.

"We've had talks with Robert Marwe from Croatia Adelaide, Robbie Parkes from Cumberland and Phil Cole from Para Hills", said Birch.

It seems like a full scale turnover of playing staff is Birch's main pre-occupation

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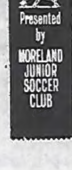

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DOCHERTY HERE ON 1 DECEMBER

Sydney Olympic still hopes to sign British coach Tommy Docherty.

Olympic chairman John Constantine revealed that three long-distance phone conversations between Docherty, himself and club official, John Thomson, had set the ball rolling.

Constantine said: "My directors decided they would like to bring Dockerty here to survey the scene and the facilities, and so that they could meet him personally.

"He will arrive on 1 December.

"Our aim is to attract more people to our club's home matches and the Philips League generally.

"We are not interested in Docherty's controversial record — he is a man whose vast experience could be used".

Sources close to the club believe that $100,000 would be involved in a two-year contract and Constantine has no doubt that sponsorship would be available to make up the figure.

Docherty, 52, and recently sacked by Queens Park Rangers, is a former Scottish international and Scotland team manager.

He had a spell as a manager in Portugal and has been with various English First Division clubs including all time greats Manchester United and Arsenal.

On one of his four trips to Australia, he brought Irish wizard George Best and Legendary England star Bobby Charlton with Manchester United, which played to packed houses throughout the country.

Those tour trips have given Docherty a soft spot for Australia and he could refuse all three current Northern American Soccer League club offers to settle for Sydney.

Sydney Olympic won its way back into the nationally-promoted Philips League after one season in the New South Wales State League.

There they ran second in the premiership and won both the grand final championship and the Ampol Cup series.

Last week the club appointed Sydney journalist Stephen Blatchford as the club's full time public relations manager.

• Tommy Docherty (centre) holds aloft the English FA Cup after Manchester United had beaten Liverpool 2-1 in 1977. On the left is United trainer Tommy Cavanagh helping 'The Doc' display the cup.

The players, from left to right; Stuart Pearson, Lou Macari and Gordon Hill. Macari is the only one of the three still playing with United. Pearson joined West Ham while Hill had stints with Derby County and Queens Park Rangers.

On the extreme right is Frank Blunstone, a member of United's training staff.

KB gets $100,000 from Tooths

KB secretary Paul Trisely

Tooths breweries will provide Newcastle KB United with cash sponsorship of $100,000 for next season.

In a major change of policy KB will play its home games on Sundays instead of Saturdays.

"The Tooths sponsorship is all important to a club like ours which doesn't operate licensed premises," said KB secretary Paul Trisely.

"The sponsorship will allow us to accumulate capital reserves from which we can buy players in future years."

KB's switch to Sunday soccer has been spurred by the mounting competiton the club faces from the many junior soccer matches played on Saturdays.

"There are 12,000 juniors playing every Saturday and we must tap this market," Trisley said.

KB's promotions committee had its 100th meeting this year and next week it will decide upon the format of KB's promotions for 1981.

"We will market our youth team players to attract younger people to our games," Trisely continued.

"We will offer a $1 admission discount for local players upon production of their Federation passes.

"We have to put a lot of time into our youths in the new youth league. Developing two or three players a year from the youth ranks would save the culb a great deal of money," he ended.

KB enjoyed success in the second half of last season's PSL and with the addition of two or three classy players the club is confident of doing well next season.

Coach Alan Vest is in England looking for experienced midfielders from the English Second Division.

KB sold second string keeper Jim Preston and striker Peter Tredinnick to Wollongong recently.

Preston went for $5,000 and Tredinnick, in keeping with KB's policy of not standing in the way of local players, was transferred to Wollongong for a paltry 2,000. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

NEW NAME FOR 'BERG?

Heidelberg United should change its name, give Heidelberg council the cold shoulder, play at Glenferrie Oval and amalgamate with a smaller Melbourne club with good facilities.

So says Heidelberg publicity chief Ollie Norris.

"We should create a new image for the club", Norris said.

"We play in yellow and black as does VFL club Richmond.

"Richmond is the champion VFL club for 1981 and Heidelberg is the No. 1 soccer club in Australia after winning the Philips grand final", he added.

Ollie Norris

Norris is critical of Heidelberg council for not appreciating the "commercial commodity" which Heidelberg United represents.

"Heidelberg council is not helping the club and unless we get the financial help which smaller clubs like Northcote, Clifton Hill and Clarinda are getting we should forget about the council", he said.

"We need a name change to become a more viable crowd puller and attract a wider range of sponsors.

"We pay about $35,000 a year for the use of Olympic Park and we should look instead to smaller clubs with good facilities with a view ot amalgamation.

"We would be better off approaching VFL club Hawthorn for the use of Glenferrie Oval for next season".

Hawthorn trains on Glenferrie Oval and uses Princes Park in Carlton as its home ground.

The Hawthorn under-19s use Glenferrie for home games on Saturdays.

So it may be the Melbourne Tigers at Glenferrie in 1981.

Len McKendry

Goodbye McKendry

Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulos has announced officially that the club and its coach Len McKendry have parted company and that a new coach is sought.

McKendry and Mangopoulos were unable to agree on the terms of a new contract.

It is likely the coaching job will be offered to Jimmy Rooney or Pat Bannon either as a partnership or individually but other good coaches also are available — among them Ken Kontra, former Victorian Director of Coaching.

Olympic to get Danny Moulis

Canberra full back Danny Moulis is likely to sign with newly promoted PSL club Sydney Olympic.

"Olympic is more than interested in Danny and he'll probably go there," said Moulis's father Theo, president of Canberra.

"We won't accept anything below $15, 000 for Danny who is only 20 and has a lot of soccer ahead of him. We sold Tony Henderson cheaply and we won't make the same mistake twice," he added.

But Canberra's other transfer-listed star Mike Milovanovic is having problems coming to terms with Wollongong and his future is uncertain.

"Every year Mike wants to switch to another club," said Moulis.

"Again, as with Danny, if the price is right Mike can go."

But talks betwen Milovanovic and Wollongong have broken down and will not continue until Wollongong coach Ken Morton returns from overseas on 26 November.

John Brown is caretaker coach until newly appointed first-team coach George Murray, ex-Aberdeen, arrives late in December.

Murray arrives here with a fine reputation as a developer of young talent and Canberra will look to him to help its more promising youth team players.

The major sponsor for next year will be announced at a press conference next week but the deal is believed to be worth $30,000 for 1981 plus various awards to players.

The new sponsor is willing to allow Brian Pollock Ford to continue with Canberra. The Pollock deal is almost $20,000 a year.

The Senators have almost secured sponsorship for their under 19 team which will participate in the new Youth League starting next year.

The Canberra youths will be sponsored for almost $15,000 next year.

Theo Moulis was ecsatic about Canberra's prospects.

"I think we can do great things over the next few years," he said.

"The PSL is getting stronger and summer soccer is a great innovation. Just look at the back pages of Sydney's daily papers. They're crammed full with soccer now that we don't have to compete with rival codes.

"Our new sponsor will judge the merits of the deal on the sales figures for next year and if everything goes well we'll be together for a long time," he ended.

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Davidson, Prskalo best, says Gutendorf

Rudi Gutendorf (left) explains his many team permutations to 'Soccer Action' columnist Tom Anderson before the Socceroos left for their World tour.

LAURIE SCHWAB

The referee, as we all saw on television, cost Australia a 3-2 victory by awarding Greece a totally unjustifiable penalty, but the match result was not as important as the questions posed or answered by the Socceroos in their general play.

With the World Cup qualifying series only five months away, we must look for a well-defined match plan. We must have players performing the roles to which they are best suited and we must have the best available players in each of the positions.

Yet, once again, coach Rudi Gutendorf appeared unsure about who was right for which role.

Is Greg Woodhouse the better goalkeeper or should Allan Maher, who replaced Woodhouse, be preferred for his greater maturity?

Captain Murray Barnes attacked strongly when pushed into midfield so should he play there rather than at centre back where he wasn't quite as prominent?

Is Gary Cole, Eddie Krncevic or Mark Jankovics the best central striker? Each of those players had a crack at the position against Greece.

I doubt whether these questions ever will be answered unequivocally. As I have written earlier, I can see varying line-ups being used even at World Cup time.

More experimentation will go on during this tour.

Ken Boden

Alan Davidson

Tony Henderson

Ivo Prskalo

Jamie Paton has yet to be used to partner Gary Cole in attack, Jim Tansey is to be tried out as sweeper and Gutendorf has yet to test John Spanos and Steve Hogg.

Paton and Spanos were the only players (apart from John Yzendoorn who is ill) not given a run against Greece.

While other problems remain for Gutendorf to solve, he at least has no more worry about the suitability of Alan Davidson.

No, Davidson is not too young. No, he is not too inexperienced. No, he is not overawed by the big occasion.

Davidson was sent out to mark one of Greece's all-time great players, Mimis Domazos, who was playing his 50th and probably his last international match.

Davidson may not have beaten Domazos as soundly as Jimmy Mackay beat the Greek superstar in the Socceroos' 3-1 victory in Athens 10 years ago, but then Davidson has had only two seasons of top level soccer.

In fact, Davidson gave Domazos far too much room in the first half when the little Greek wizard ghosted shrewdly into space to chip over the cross from which Damianikos scored the equalising goal only a minute after Gary Cole had shot Australia into the lead.

But Davidson closed Domazos down much more quickly in the second half, while also freeing himself to play some excellent through balls.

Ken Boden was Australia's best player of the first half. He won the ball with his tigerish tackling, he set up fellow forwards with shrewd passes and he was unlucky not to score on a cut-back from Peter Sharne.

But Boden was hurt in smothering a shot by Domazos, and was replaced by Mark Jankovics at half time. Boden's continuing presence may have given Australia victory despite the referee.

Tony Henderson was inconspicuous, caught in no-man's land in front of the defence and behind the attack, but he improved dramatically after half time when he seemed to frighten the Greeks with his tackles and his steam-roller runs.

Eddie Krncevic had an industrious first half, operating tirelessly on the left flank, dropping back to help the defence and also moving up with the forwards, but he couldn't get as much done when he was shifted to central striker.

Gary Cole was most impressive in that position in the first half, displaying surprising skill but typical force and speed in running onto Steve Perry's through ball, and dribbling past both centre back Paraskos and goalkeeper Konstantinou before slipping the ball into the net.

Even that brilliant, usually unexcitable commentator Hugh Johns showed delight about that goal.

Talking about Perry, he and particularly the other full back, Jim Tansey, played below their usual form. Tansey was sluggish. He moved like a tired man.

Of the other Australians, Ivo Prskalo did everything expected of him as sweeper but Peter Sharne, although he set up a goal for Theo Selemidis and presented Boden with a good chance, often showed lack of thought in going straight ahead to no purpose, whereas he could have swerved inside or perhaps delayed and waited for support.

Domazos was the architect of most of Greece's fruitful thrusts and up front Damianikos was ever dangerous and always on the move, offering hismelf for every ball.

For the good of Greece, Damianikos must be retained to partner Mavros and Galakos when those two return to the team.

They, and Ardizoglou, did not play against Australia. We don't know why as the television didn't tell us.

Koudas, the midfielder of the big reputation, was unimpressive, but Ballis has a future in this team.

Midfielder Delikaris — pepped up the Greek midfield when he replaced Koudas at half time.

He is big and strong, good in the air and a sound tackler.

Why Delikaris wasn't used from the start defied logic. He is one of the finest players in Greece, with a solid reputation in the national team, and he certainly made his presence felt when he replaced Koudas at half time.

Ravousis, one of the most reliable of the Greek internationals, was strong in defence and Zindros did some neat work in attack but centre back Paraskos, left back Parapapanidis and striker Haralambidis, as well as reserve goalkeeper Mouekas, were quite ordinary.

Greece showed more frills on the ball and had more possession over the 90 minutes but never was as purposeful as the Australian team which concentrated on defending, marking closely and counter-attacking with long balls or through balls into space.

Hugh Johns informed the audience that in its past eight matches, Greece had scored only four goals and had won only once, against Denmark. That was no surprise as it appeared Greece does not have forwards with the strength to break defences. They may have the skills but not the brawn or killer instinct to go with those skills.

In other words, they don't have a Gary Cole and in so saying, I ask why the hell Cole continues to be replaced during matches.

Hugh Johns made a slight slip early in his commentary when he introduced "Gary" instead of Greg Wooch ouse, but he is forgiven, as the rest of his commentary was immaculate. He is probably the most accomplished football caller in the world.

And while we're on superlatives, Alan Davidson is the most confident young player I've come across. He'll tell you he's better than most players you'd care to name and it was typical of "Alan Ali" that at first sight of the TV camera he winked mischieviously and gave the thumbs-up sign.

Australia earned first applause when Boden streaked away from the half line and played a mathematical diagonal ball for Cole running into the area, but goalkeeper Konstantinou got to it first.

Koudas missed with a shot from an unmarked position after a cross from Zindros and Krncevic was shown the yellow card for a heavy tackle.

Right back Kounaris was injured and had to be replaced after only 11 minutes by Xanthopoulos who finished the match as one of Greece's stars.

Referee Voukais first showed his ineptitude (one-sidedness??) in the 13th minute when he took no action over a vicious knee-high tackle by Ballis on Krncevic who was breaking away down the left touchline. Coach Gutendorf was so angry he came onto the pitch to scream at Vouakis and had to be restrained by Jim Tansey.

If Konstantiou prevented a goal by coming out at Cole, then Woodhouse did likewise by getting to the ball ahead of Haralambidis who was steaming onto a Koudas pass in the 18th minute.

Greece then started a 15-minute period of territorial dominance, with the Socceroos defending in numbers. Tansey and Boden were next to put together a forward move but lack of support in the middle forced them to hold the ball out wide and eventually Tansey was dispossessed.

Cole scored in the 24th minute but Australia's lead lasted only until Damianikos headed the equaliser at the near post after a sly chip from Domazos a minute later.

Greece almost scored another one within seconds as Ballis's header went over the bar from a Domazos free kick awarded against Henderson for handball.

Then Davidson and Krncevic played one short pass too many out on the left touchline and lost the ball to Domazos whose cross caused problems once again.

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GREECE 3 (Damianikis 25th, Domazos 67th, Delikaris penalty 89th), AUSTRALIA 3 (Cole 24th, Barnes 84th, Selemidis 88th) at Panathinaikos stadium, Athens, crowd about 12,000.

GREECE: Konstantinou 7 Mouekas 75th) — Kounaris (injured sub. Xanthopoulos 8, 11th min) Parakos 6, Ravousis 8, Parapapanidis 6 — Koudas 6 (Delikaris 8, half time), Domazos 9, (Mavramidis 72nd), Ballis 8 — Zindros 8, Haralambidis 6, Damianikos 8.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 7 (Maher 70th) — Prskalo 8 — Perry 7, Barnes 8, Tansey 6 — Henderson 8, Boden 8 (Jankovics 6 half time), Davidson 8 — Sharne 7, Cole 8 (Selemidis 64th), Krncevic 8 (Bertogna 75th).

Referee: Basile Vouakis 2.

Player of the match, Mimis Domazos, who made his international farewell in this, his 50th game for Greece.

Damianikos — scored Greece's equaliser at 1-1.

In the 30th minute Davidson closed Domazos down quickly, took the ball away and played a quick through pass for Sharne running from behind a defender. Sharne skirted past goalkeeper Konstantinou but was forced too wide to have a shot so he laid it back to Boen who drove it over the bar.

Woodhouse blocked a powerful long-range shot by Damianikos who had another crack moments later. This time the ball bounced off Woodhouse but went out for a corner just before Domazos could gather it in and have another try.

Cole hooked the ball against the crossbar a minute before half time after Henderson had kicked the ball forward from Sharne's corner, but referee Vouakis ruled offside.

Australia had been most impressive in the last 10 minutes of the first half. Showing a lot of tactical maturity, the Socceroos had slowed down the play with possession passes, looking for openings after the Greeks had run out of ideas and halted their siege temporarily.

But the Greeks had been classier with the ball, and midfielders Domazos and Ballis had provided better forward support than their Australian counterparts.

Delikaris replaced Koudas and Jankovics replaced Boden at half time.

Australia attacked well four minutes after the break when Henderson won the ball in a crunching tackle and slipped it through for Sharne who was challenged well however by Konstantinou.

Greece blitzed Australia with a sustained attack, reducing the Socceroos to aimless clearances.

Barnes carelessly gave the ball away to Ballis at the side of the penalty area and had to scramble to try to get it back, hurting himself in the process, but at least he secured a goal kick.

Theo Selemidis replaced Cole in the 64th minute and only second later Domazos shot Greece into the lead with his left foot after haralambidis had headed down a cross from Zindros who had robbed Sharne in midfield.

Allan Maher replaced Woodhouse in the 70th minute and then Mavramidis came on for Domazos who was given loud applaud as he retired to the changing rooms.

Australia looked awful at this stage, and Greek coach Alketas Panagoulias probably figured he had nothing to lose in replacing star goalkeeper Konstantinou with Mouekas.

At the same time Gutendorf brought on Arno Bertogna for Krncevic.

Australia now was stacked with defenders and midfielders whereas it needed goalscorers to make up the deficit.

But Barnes was in midfield now, and Barnes's goalscoring ability is unquestioned.

With eight minutes to go, Davidson was tripped and he took the free kick himself, aiming it square for Henderson.

Henderson chipped the ball over the defenders for Barnes running into the penalty area. Mouekas moved towards Barnes who drove the ball low past him, into the net for the equaliser.

At the other end, Zindros was felled heavily by Henderson and the Greeks demanded a penalty. Referee Vouakis waved play on.

Greece had three corners in a row and Maher saved a header by Haralambidis.

With two minutes left, Sharne crossed from the right to the far post, looking for that clinically accurate head of Selemidis. You can bet your life's savings that when Selemidis plays an unchallenged header, he'll make the most of it, and this time was no exception — although he cut it a bit fine, scoring off the far post, to put Australia ahead 3-2.

Greece attacked from the kick-off, with Delikaris running into the area.

Ivo Prskalo came across and intercepted the ball as Delikaris kicked it ahead of himself.

After Prskalo had kicked the ball, Delikaris threw himself over the Australian, faking a foul, and Vouakis pointed to the spot. Delikaris took the penalty and scored to level at 3-3.

There should be a means of punishing such blatantly unfair referring, just as there is a means of disciplining wayward players.

Even Hugh Johns described Vouakis's decision as "a joke".

Henderson was so upset that he literally kicked an opponent over the touchline, but Vouakis was so weak that he did nothing about it. After all, his team had escaped defeat. .

Gutendorf said after the game: "I'm very proud of the result particularly as it was in front of a home crowd and referee. I will ask the Australian Soccer Federation to lodge a protest against this referee."

He said he did not expect such a good result by the team as he thought some of the players were still not fit.

"We must be sharper because Greece dominated play for nearly 25 minutes of the second half," he said. "If we cannot improve we will not have any chance against England who are better than Greece."

Gutendorf named Davidson as the top player, along with Prskalo and Barnes.

Panagoulias described the Australians as "disappointing".

Gary Cole at his competitive best. His goal put Australia 1-0 ahead against Greece.

Goalkeeper Allan Maher — he's vying with Greg Woodhuse for the No. 1 spot.

Australian captain Murray Barnes — his goal made the score 2-2

Defender Ravousis performs acrobatics.

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Linesman flags, but ref says goal

By LAURIE SCHWAB

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Simic 14th & 95th) HAKOAH 1 (Jordanou 64th) after extra time. Crowd 3427 (double header)

J.U.S.T.: Boland 9 — Petrov 7.5, Kyriakouleas 7.5 (sent off 64th), Kondarios 9.5, Milne 8 — Ilioski 8, Picioane 7 (Smorgrevski 74th), Rujevic 8.5 — Simic 8, Visic 6.5 (Acevski 105th), Belic 7.5

HAKOAH: Fryszer 7.5 — Gadsby 7, Jordanou 9, Dosen 7.5, Rooney 7 — G. Bannon 8 (Wilson 103rd), McNeil 6, French 6.5, Kent 7 — Webster 8, McClunie 8.5.

Referee: Bob Henderson 4.

Hakoah striker Richard McClunie conceded he was offside. Linesman David Yelland was waving his flag, so there was no point continuing the run. The other Hakoah players, quite resigned to the offside ruling, stopped as well. The J.U.S.T. defence was up on the half line, having moved out quickly to catch Hakoah in the trap, and they must have been feeling pleased with themselves.

But referee Bob Henderson wouldn't go along with Yelland.

He waved play on with those emphatic arm movements that characterise his style. McClunie did a double take, shrugged his shoulder and said Why not?

He resumed his run in those wide open spaces left by the J.U.S.T. players who were watching from the half line, unable to believe this was happening.

Bill Jordanou moved parallel with McClunie in the middle. McClunie cut the ball square past goalkeeper Dennis Boland from the right, and Jordanou tapped the ball into the net to level the score at 1-1 in the 64th minute.

Responding to the cries of protest around him, Henderson ran over to talk to Yelland, but decided to let the goal stand.

J.U.S.T. defender Kiri Kyriakouleas complained bitterly to Yelland so Yelland called back Henderson who sent Kyriakouleas off the field.

J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic was on the touchline, also complaining loudly, so Henderson booked him.

While allowing this bizarre goal, Henderson disallowed two others, both scored by McClunie.

The big striker headed home a cross from Chris Kent after rising very high in the 13th minute but Henderson spotted a foul on Kyriakouleas in the process.

In the 97th minute — two minutes into extra time, with the score at 1-1 — goalkeeper Dennis Boland could only deflect a shot from Kent, and McClunie moved in to put the loose ball into the net. Henderson apparently had spotted someone in an offside position, so he disallowed that goal too.

It was not surprising that players, officials and coaches of both clubs were fuming during and after the game.

McClunie was the unluckiest man on the field, not only because of those two disallowed goals but also because luck deserted him in many other attacks. He hit the post, he miskicked in front of goal and he shot over the bar from two metres.

Yet it was McClunie and fellow striker Stan Webster who caused J.U.S.T. the most problems.

They challenged relentlessly for every ball, keeping the opposing defenders at their wits' end throughout the game.

But big Jim Kondarios was equal to the task. Kondarios was king, especially during that difficult 40 minutes after his defensive partner Kyriakouleas had been sent off.

Not only did Kondarios win every high ball and stop countless attacks with his well-timed tackles, but he also got involved in attacks, determined that J.U.S.T. should reach the final.

Goalkeeper Dennis Boland also was in great form, making particularly difficult saves from shots by Graham French and McClunie, while Paul Simic again showed his goalscoring ability by notching both for J.U.S.T.

The first came in the 14th minute. He simply relayed a rather weak shot by Dragan Vasic who had turned well on a pass from Mirko Rujevic.

Simic's second goal was by courtesy of goalkeeper Michael Fryszer who had had an otherwise excellent match. Fryszer got too far under the ball, and cleared it backwards instead of forwards. It fell to Simic who blasted it in.

Simic, only a substitute during the league season, is now level with Makedonia's George McMillan at the top of the goalscorers' list. They have five goals each.

Rujevic was excellent in midfield during the first half, until he had to come back when Kyriakouleas was sent off.

Bill Jordanou was very impressive in the Hakoah sweeper position. He was by far the best defender and he also moved up to score Hakoah's only goal.

Ged Bannon worked himself into exhaustion out wide on the right flank, so much so that he gratefully accepted substitution by Jimmy Wilson during extra time.

Referee Bob Henderson (left) — he overruled his linesman Dave Yelland (second from left) who flagged offside. As a result, Hakoah scored. J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic (second from right) was booked for complaining and Kiri Kyriakouleas (right) was sent off.

Paul Simic — equal top scorer in the Victorian Cup.

Juve a joke!

J.U.S.T. 5 (Vasic 3, Simic 2). JUVENTUS 2 (Incantalupo, Cavallari pen.) at Olympic Park, crowd about 180.

J.U.S.T.: Boland 7 (Ciric H.T. 7) —Petrov 7 (Smorgrevski h.t. 7), Kondarios 8, Kyriakouleas 9, Milne 9 — Ilioski 8, Piciaone 9, Rujevic 7 (Cozzella H.T. 7), Belic 7 — Simic 8, Vasic 9.

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 8 — DiQuattro 4, Cavallari 5 (Vaccaro 52nd 5), Creany 6, Sannipoli 6 — Salvatore 4 (Roggero H.T. 5), Sabidussi 5, Crino 4 — Ristovski 4, Incantalupo 5, Heery 4.

Referee: Voutsinas 9.

Juventus's first half was the worst display of soccer I've seen this year.

In the second half Juve went forward a few more times, Fabio Incantalupo scored a great goal and J.U.S.T. took pity on its highly inferior opponent.

Juve was in tatters before the kick-off.

President George Penzo asked disgruntled star Bobby McGuinness if he would play in this important match to decide a semi-final berth in the Victoria Cup.

McGuinness turned up keen to perform but was told by Juve's coaches of the week, Enzo Bottari and Tiziano Cavallari, that he was on the bench.

McGuinness objected and after Juve's pathetic display he would have been glad to be watching from the terraces.

I've yet to see a more disorganised performance and from the outset it was clear that J.U.S.T. would dominate.

Cavallari played sweeper behind John Creany.

Creany played poorly but to his credit he battled hard throughout the slaughter.

Cavallari's appreciation of the sweeper's role involved staying in a central position a few metres off the play, spasmodic dribbles until he was dispossessed and never venturing wide to cover for his full backs.

But he was not the worst Juve player.

Juve's midfielders needed a compass, the forwards needed camouflage and the defence needed the cavalry to rescue it from the swarming hordes of blue shirted players who attacked in waves.

And together they needed a coach.

In the sixth minute Creany failed to clear a long ball from Jim Kondarios, Dragan Vasic robbed the Juve stopper, turned and shot into the far corner.

In the 17th minute Vlatko Belic played the ball wide to Paul Simic on J.U.S.T.'s right. He crossed to the far post and Vasic headed home.

In the 24th minute Zoran Ilioski, Kiri Kyriakouleas, Joe Piciaone, Vasic and Simic combined to set up Simic who tapped in from six metres.

Juve had one good chance in the first half when Mendo Ristovski escaped J.U.S.T.'s offside trap, ran toward goal and crossed low to the unmarked Tony Heery on the left. From eight metres out Heery miskicked and the ball flew wide.

J.U.S.T. made its full quota of changes at half time. What would it matter if a J.U.S.T. player was injured in the second half and had to come off, leaving Cedo Cirkovic's charges with 10 men. Juve wouldn't have come back.

Two minutes after the interval Cavallari coverted from the penalty spot after Milutin Ciric, Dennis Boland's half time replacement, brought down Heery inside the area.

But J.U.S.T. recovered its three goal in the 51st minute.

Vasic grabbed his hat-trick after good lead up work by Belic.

In the 75th minute Jim Milne, killing Juve down J.U.S.T.'s left, beat two defenders and cut the ball back to Belic. He shot into Simic who whirled around and slammed the ball in from close range.

Juve had it 5-2 in the 86th minute when Incantalupo ran onto Heery's long ball and volleyed past a stunned Ciric from 25 metres. — CRAIG MACKENZIE.

Two close-ups of the battle between J.U.S.T. striker Dragan Vasic and Hakoah stopper Anton Dosen. Left: Vasic gets a shot in. Right: Dosen gets up higher to head clear.

MIGHTY McMILLAN KILLS OFF HELLAS

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

MAKEDONIA 1 (McMillan) HELLAS 0 At Olympic Park, crowd 3,427.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 8 — Rainey 7, Petrovski 8, Higham 8, Beech 7 — Lesbirel 6 (Stolkos 62nd), Faulkner 7, Cunningham 8 — Cullen 8, Ollerton 8, McMillan 9.

HELLAS: Tsigaras 8 — Bannon 8, Xanthopoulos 7, Blair 6, Lutton 7 — Rogers 7, Wright 7, Nicholaides 6 — Evans 7 (Kakantonis 50th 4), Cummings 7, Buljevic 8.

Referee: Stewart Mellings 8.

Makedonia served warning of its potential in the 1981 PSL when it deservedly advanced to the final of the Victoria Cup by beating Hellas 1-0.

Makedonia captain George McMillan was an inspiration, tackling and harrassing all over the field, throwing himself in where many fear to tred and topping off his effort with a brave, spectacular goal.

Hellas was without the injured George Campbell, Socceroo Alan Davidson and George Christopoulos who is concentrating on his academic career.

Makedonia was without the injured Gary Ward, Claude Lucchesi who is suspended and Gordon Flavelle who is overseas.

Makedonia's customary early onslaught almost caught Hellas napping.

In the first minute McMilan beat Branko Buljevic who had come back to help his defence. The Makedonia captain crossed low to the near post but Eric Lesbirel's first-time shot flashed fractionally wide.

In the fourth minute Peter Ollerton was booked after clashing with Steve Blair.

Hellas woke up and soon looked threatening.

McMillan had covered Vince Bannon's over laps in the opening minutes but when he dropped deep Bannon charged down the right and his crosses into the Makedonia area had John Higham, Ljube Petrovski and company under pressure.

Makedonia reverted into a 4-4-2 formation with McMillan doing the brunt of the midfield foraging.

Rob Cullen and Ollerton were left up front as Makedonia tried to catch Hellas on the break.

The third placed PSL side for 1980 assumed the responsibility of going at Makedonia but long shots by Duncan Cummings looked innocuous and unlikely to beat Lou Kastner.

Hellas's best move of the game came in the 20th minute.

Buljevic's well-weighted ball to Cummings allowed the young striker to break clear down the right. Buljevic took off into the Makedonia area, looking for the return. Cummings steadied and crossed low across the face of goal. Buljevic ran in and shot but Kastner had come off his line to smother brilliantly.

After this let-off Makedonia looked dangerous.

Twice Bertie Lutton was in trouble inside the Hellas area and two great saves by the in-form Lou Tsigaras kept Makedonia at bay.

Then Hellas came close after a fine interpassing move.

Alun Evans played a one-two withBuljevic but was forced to turn back and knock the ball behind to Lutton. He sent Buljevic down the left and the former J.U.S.T. star curled a low cross in behind the Makedonia defence. Cummings had made a well-timed run to the near post but his first time flick sailed inches over the bar.

In the 32nd minute Makedonia appealed for a penalty.

Ollerton headed across the box to McMillan who headed on to Cullen. The diminutive dynamo knocked the ball forward and took off after it but was brought down. Referee Mellings ignored Makedonia's pleas for a penalty and Hellas had escaped.

Just on half time Billy -Rogers played the ball wide to Cummings on the edge of the area but he couldn't get over his shot and crakced it over.

Hellas should have gone ahead in the 56th minute and Cummings must regret his bad miss.

Bannon charged down the right and his long pin-point cross to the far post fell at Cummings' feet but he tapped it wide from six metres out. It was the simplest chance so far for either side.

Four minutes later the acrobatics of Tsigaras kept Hellas in the game.

McMillan headed on to Lesbirel who tapped the bouncing ball goalwards. Tsigaras had come of his line but his lightning reflexes enabled him to drive to his left at full-stretch and grab cleanly with both hands.

The game was open now as both sides pushed players forward in search of the decisive goal.

It was Makedonia which should have finished Hellas off with a sparkling move in the 72nd minute.

Ollerton, wide on the left, played the ball inside to Stuart Cunningham whose first time flick on went to Cullen. He broke clear and went into the Hellas area. Tsigaras came out to narrow the angle but Cullen shot wide to blow a great chance of wrapping up the match.

Socrates Nicolaides shot inches wide soon after Cullen's miss but Makedonia killed off Hellas in the 79th minute.

Cunningham, having a great game in midfield, sent a long high

When it seemed that Tsigaras would have the simple task of gathering the ball unopposed, McMillan charged in to rise high and beat the Hellas keeper with a courageous back header which sent the ball lobbing into the open goal.

Two minutes later it looked like Hellas was down and out when Jeff Faulkner sent Cullen through on the right but Tsigaras smothered well.

Hellas almost stole an equaliser when Cumming's fierce low shot from 20 metres whistled just wide of the far upright five minutes from time.

But Makedonia held on. Indeed, Hellas showed a lack of cohesion up front without Evans who was ill and had to be taken off early in the second half.

Steve Kakantonis, Evan's replacement, was rarely sighted and whenever he flashed into play his inability to kill the ball when charging off a defender deadened the impetus of Hellas's forward forays.

Makedonia has accounted for J.U.S.T. and Hellas in consecutive games, two of its opponents in its excursion into next years PSL.

There would be no better way of starting its PSL count down for 1981 with a win in the Victorian Cup.

I'm sure the Makedonia brains trust will give players a healthy bonus if they beat J.U.S.T. in the final.

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Jovanovic and Lujic back, Basilis tested

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

If Makedonia's depleted line-up defeats J.U.S.T. in Saturday night's Victoria Cup final at Olympic Park it will be one of the biggest shocks of 1980.

The final, which kicks-off at 8 pm, will be an anti-climax after the controversy surrounding last weekend's semi-finals.

However the Victoria Cup has proved to be readily forgettable tournament so the unavailability of Makedonia's Gary Ward, Claude Lucchesi, Gordon Flavelle, John Higham, Peter Ollerton and Rob Cullen should take little away from this unglamorous event.

J.U.S.T. must start odds-on favorite to win.

Paul Simic, Dragan Vasic and Zdavko Lujic will form the J.U.S.T. attack.

Lujic and Slobodan Jovanovic are back after a two-match suspension.

Simic has improved dramatically and apart from his two goals which killed off Hakoah's hopes of a final berth he also has slotted into Cedo Cirkovic's line-up with the aplomb of a veteran.

Likely line-ups for Saturday night's Cup final:

J.U.S.T.
BOLAND
PETROV KONDARIOS BELIC, MILNE
ILIOSKI PICIAONE JOVANOVIC
SIMIC VASIC LUJIC

MAKEDONIA
KASTNER
RAINEY LESBIREL PETROVSKI BEECH
STOIKOS NICEVSKI FAULKNER CUNNINGHAM
MCMILLAN BASILIS

Vasic is an enigmatic performer.

With his socks rolled down as is his custom, he looks shabby and awkward on the ball but his three goals against Juventus last week proved that when given room in which to strike he can be lethal. Makedonia can't afford to give Vasic such room.

Eric Lesbirel is the likely candidate to fill the stopper's role left vacant by Higham's departure overseas.

Lesbirel hasn't played many senior games this year due to the wealth of talent in the first team.

He faces an uphill battle to repel J.U.S.T.'s forward thrusts.

The stalwarts of Makedonia's defence will be Lou Kastner, Mike Rainey, Ljube Petrovski and Steve Beech.

Makedonia's fortunes rest upon their shoulders.

Rainey will have to contend with Lujic, the brilliant but inconsistent wizard on J.U.S.T.'s left.

Rainey is fast and aggressive but he must not take risks against Lujic. If Rainey can cut out his love of running with the ball and indulging in cheeky back heels he can do well and add much needed solidity to the right side of Makedonia's defence.

On the other side is the reliable and underrated Steve Beech.

Simic will have his hands full shrugging off Beech. This duel is all important due to Simic's recent scoring run. If Beech stifles the young striker one of J.U.S.T.'s main avenues to goal will be shut.

Petrovski must give his fellow defenders good cover because the depleted Makedonia midfield may be unable to stop Zoran Ilioski, Joe Piciaone and Jovanovic from bursting forward in support of their front runners and adding to the pressure on Makedonia's defence.

Up front Makedonia's chances of an upset are in captain George McMillan's hands.

McMillan probably will be partnered by Con Basilis, a young striker from the under-16's.

Basilis has tremendous potential. His close ball skills are exceptional, he turns in a flash and times his runs well off the ball. The big occasion will make it a night to remember. Not many lads have their senior debut in a Cup final. Basilis can do well provided he quickly acclimatises to the pace of the game.

McMillan will be everywhere, hustling and bustling, charging at defenders and urging on the youngsters which will take the places of the first team regulars unavailable.

His inspirational leadership is crucial to the Makedonia spirit.

This spirit has driven Makedonia to great things this year. Every player has worked hard for his team mates and there is no other club which gives more in all-round team effort. But on Saturday night, with so many regulars unavailable, the Makedonia spirit faces its biggest test.

With Kiri Kyriakouleas suspended after being sent off against Hakoah in last Saturday night' semi-final J.U.S.T. is likely to use Vlatko Belic as McMillan's tagger.

Belic will face his biggest challenge of the year. There are a few stoppers who have been happy to get out of McMillan's way this year and I don't blame them. The sight of the gangly striker charging in has sent the shivers down some spectators as well as opponents.

If Belic stands his ground something's got to give and I don't think it will be McMillan who will come off second best.

Makedonia's hopes in midfield rest upon Jeff Faulkner and Stuart Cunningham.

Faulkner wasn't involved enough against Hellas but Cunningham had a fine game.

Faulkner impresses me with his ability to get forward. He certainly will need to give a hand to McMillan and Basilis.

Cunningham laid off some fine balls against Hellas and he will have to perform as well if not better to cover for the inexperienced Con Stoikos and Riste Niceski who may be the other two midfielders in Makeodnia's 4-4-2 formation.

It's not merely a case of how far for J.U.S.T. trying to ger revenge for its drubbing from Makedonia two weeks ago.

When the referee blows for full time he will signal the end of a competition doomed from the outset.

Final standings

Victoria Cup final ladders:

SECTION A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Makedonia	2	2	0	0	8	2	4
J.U.S.T.	3	1	1	1	7	7	3
Aust. Youth	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Juventus	3	0	1	2	4	10	1

SECTION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Hellas	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Croatia	3	1	0	2	5	4	2
Ajax	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

Semi-finals: J.U.S.T. 2, Hakoah 1 aet, Makedonia 1, Hellas 0.

Full scorers list including last weekend's semi-finals:

5 – Simic (J.U.S.T.), McMillan (Makedonia)

3 – Vasic (J.U.S.T.), Webster (Hakoah)

2 – Incantalupo (Juventus), Cullen (Makedonia), Tront (Croatia).

1 – Buljevic, Evans, Wright, Kakantonis (Hellas, Kent, French, Dosen, Jordanou (Hakoah), Adams, Kerr, Keenan (Croatia), McGuinness, Cavallari (Juventus), Belic, Mitchell (Youths), Dunne (Ajax), Ollerton (Makedonia), Ilioski (J.U.S.T.).

9 – Creany (Juv).

As you were

Enlargement of the Victorian State League from 12 to perhaps 14 or 16 may be delayed until 1982.

State League officials feel that because of the finals of the Coca-Cola world youth championships next October, there will be insufficient time to play an extended league competition.

The State League was meeting last night (Tuesday) to discuss the proposed increase.

It was expected the league would set up a committee to plan an enlarged league in 1982 — LAURIE SCHWAB

Youth prize?

What's happened to the award for the best player of the Australian youth team?

Yugoslav Airlines was to give the winner a return trip to Europe, just as it will fly the overall best player of the Victoria Cup to Europe.

But the youth team was withdrawn from the competition after two rounds, because the players were prevented by strikes from getting flights to Melbourne.

Will an award be made on the basis of two matches?

Will the award be scrubbed?

Who knows.

This has been yet another instalment in the saga of the Victoria Cup. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Juventus goalkeeper Alex Fantoma rises high above J.U.S.T. striker Dragan Vasic who scored three goals nevertheless.

Branko Buljevic is down during a Hellas attack against Makedonia in their semi-finals. Also pictured, from left: Bertie Lutton, Mike Rainey and Alan Evans.

CROATIA AWARDS

Victorian State League club Croatia will hold its presentation night on Saturday at the Croatian community hall, 72 Whitehall Street, Footscray.

Awards wil be made to senior, reserve and under 19 players for their efforts this past season.

A mini Croatian tournament will be held on club land at the corner of Ballarat and Leeks Road, Rockbank, on Sunday.

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Diego Maradona

Maradona again top marksman

DIEGO MARADONA'S Argentinos Juniors — a modest club with a world class star — took second place in the Argentine First Division championship behind River Plate who had already made sure of retaining the title almost a month earlier.

The second place gives Argentinos Juniors a possible chance of entry to the Libertadores Cup for the first time. If River Plate also wins the national championship — now in progress — for the second year running, the second-placed team in both championships will play-off for a place in next year's continental cup tournament.

In the fight for second place Argentinos Juniors deservedly beat River Plate 4-2 although the latter had by then already won the title- . . . and they did it without Maradona who missed the last two matches due to a virus infection which put him into hospital for four days.

Maradona, however, again finished as first division top scorer — last year it was jointly with Estudiantes' Fortunato (now playing in Italy) — with 25 goals, followed by Huracan's Sanabria on 21 . . . and in the second match of the national championship goals to 101 since his first-team debut less than four years earlier.

He achieved this in 154 matches since November, 1976, which is quite a feat for a midfielder not yet turned 20 at the time, but then Maradona, apart from having scored many brilliant individual goals, is also a good penalty and free-kick taker. (A table of his goals is published herewith).

MARADONA'S GOALS

	Matches	Goals
1976 National Champ.	11	2
1977 First Division	37	13
1977 National Champ.	12	8
1978 First Division	31	22
1978 National Champ.	4	4
1979 First Division	14	14
1979 National Champ.	12	12
1980 First Division	32	25
1980 National Champ (so far)	1	3
	154	101

Penalties 23 — scored 18, missed two, saved three (by Baley for Independiente, Garin for Independiente-Rivadavia (Mendoza) and Fillol for River Plate).

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URUGUAYANS TRIUMPH IN SOUTH AMERICA

From ATILIO GARRIDO in Montevideo, Uruguay

The "Nacional" football club of Uruguay won the 1980 "Copa Libertadores de America" defeating "Internacional" of Porto Alegre (Brazil) at the final.

The Copa Libertadores is the biggest tournament at club level in South America. The champions and runners-up of the ten countries affiliated to the organisers of the competition, the South American Football Confederation (Conmebol), participate in it.

The 21st version of the tournament was played this year and was characterised by the come-back of Uruguayan football.

Nacional has not managed to reach the final of the competition since 1971 when it became titleholder, beating "Estudiantes de la Plata" (Argentina).

This low that Uruguay experienced in recent years was reflected also in the clubs affiliated with the Uruguayan Football Association, which were eliminated in the prelimi nary and semi-final rounds of the "Copa Libertadores."

Nacional's triumph is of immense value to the organisation, because various problems arose in the previous year. They ended in a court proceeding when it was decided to arrest the club's managers, including its president.

They were accused of illegally transferring the player Alfredo de los Santos to River Plate (Argentina).

In accordance with the statutes of the institution, it was deemed appropriate to elect the club's authorities on 26 January last. This was carried out perfectly normally and the club members chose from among 3 options Mr Dante Iocco as new president.

He is a prominent figure in real estate (of Uruguay and ex-official of the Uruguayan Football Association and the "Nacional" club.

Together with Mr Iocco, a group of new officials will be in charge of running the club; they are young for the most part and have put into action an ambitious project for an institutional recovery in all sectors.

They engaged Professor Esteban Gesto as coach of the main training centre and appointed Juan Martin Mujica, one of the club's ex-players, as director of tactics.

The latter, having concluded his sporting career in France and completed a course, returned to his country with the idea of applying a tactical system in Uruguayan football, which is similar to that used in Europe, i.e. playing with a libero, centre-back and man-to-man covering on the entire field.

Mujica's way of thinking found an excellent ally in Professor Gesto, a professional of renowned capacities, who on various occasions had demonstrated the excellence of his work at a physical level.

It should also be mentioned that Professor Gesto was responsible for the preparation of the Uruguayan youth teams that won the title of South American champions in 1977 (Venezuela), first place in the "Espoirs" championship in Cannes (1979) and were placed third in the 2nd FIFA World Youth tournament which took place in Japan in 1979.

Mujica's tactical idea and Professor Gesto's excellent physical work not only enabled "Nacional" to reach the highest levels of efficiency but also created a great tactical change within Uruguayan football.

Until the start of this year, the teams used a system of play of 4-3-3 with several defensive variations which resulted in 4-4-2.

Today, virtually 9 months after the mentioned introduction of the European system, the large majority of the teams have changed their distribution and use the libero, centre-back and man-to-man covering on the entire field.

(From FIFA NEWS)

Nacional of Montevideo, champions of the "Copa Libertadores de America". From left to right: Rodolfo Rodriguez, Juan Blanco, Victor Esparrago, Washington Gonzalez, Jose Moreira and Hugo De Leon. Crouched: Alberto Bica, Eduardo de la Pena, Waldemar Victorino and Julio Cesar Morales.

Champions and Vice-Champions since the beginning of the Copa Libertadores:

Year	Champion	Runners-up
1960	Penarol (Uruguay)	Olimpia (Paraguay)
1961	Penarol (Uruguay)	Palmeiras (Brazil)
1962	Santos (Brazil)	Penarol (Uruguay)
1963	Santos (Brazil)	Boca Juniors (Argentina)
1964	Independiente (Argentina)	Nacional (Uruguay)
1965	Independiente (Argentina)	Penarol (Uruguay)
1966	Penarol (Uruguay)	River Plate (Argentina)
1967	Racing (Argentina)	Nacional (Uruguay)
1968	Estudiantes de la Plata (Argentina)	Palmeiras (Brazil)
1969	Estudiantes de la Plata	Nacional (Uruguay)
1970	Estudiantes de la Plata (Argentina)	Penarol (Uruguay)
1971	Nacional (Uruguay)	Est. de la Plata (Argentina)
1972	Independiente (Argentina)	Universitario (Peru)
1973	Independiente (Argentina)	Colo Colo (Chile)
1974	Independiente (Argentina)	Sao Paulo (Brazil)
1975	Independiente (Argentina)	Union Espanola (Chile)
1976	Cruzeiro (Brazil)	River Plate (Argentina)
1977	ROCA Juniors (Argentina)	Cruzeiro (Brazil)
1978	Boca Juniors (Argentina)	Deportivo Cali (Colombia)
1979	Olimpia (Paraguay)	Boca Juniors (Argentina)
1980	Nacional (Uruguay)	Internacional (Brazil)

DETAILS

21st SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP — COPA LIBERTADORES DE AMERICA 1980: PRELIMINARY COMPETITION

GROUP 1

Argentina: Club Atletico Velez Sarsfield/Club Atletico River Plate
Peru: Club Sporting Cristal/Club Atletico Chalaco
16.2.80 Lima Cristal v. Chalaco 0:0
27.2.80 Buenos Aires River Plate v. Velez Sarsfield 0:0
10.3.80 Lima Chalaco v. Velez Sarsfield 0:2
11.3.80 Buenos Aires River Plate v. Cristal 3:2
14.3.80 Buenos Aires Velez Sarsfield v. Cristal 2:0
25.3.80 Buenos Aires River Plate v. Chalaco 3:0
27.3.80 Buenos Aires Velez Sarsfield v. Chalaco 5:2
9.4.80 Lima Cristal v. Velez Sarsfield 0:1
15.4.80 Lima Cristal v. River Plate 1:2
18.4.80 Lima Chalaco v. River Plate 0:2
23.4.80 Lima Chalaco v. Cristal 1:2
25.4.80 Buenos Aires Velez Sarsfield v. River Plate 0:0

Velez	4	2	0	10:2	10
River Plate	4	2	0	10:3	10
Sport Cristal	1	1	4	5:9	3
Chalaco	0	1	5	3:14	1

Deciding match:
28.4.80 Buenos Aires River Plate v. Velez Sarsfield 1:1 C. Esposito, Argentina
Qualified by goal difference: VELEZ SARSFIELD

GROUP 2

Bolivia: Club Oriente Petrolero/Club The Strongest
Uruguay: Club Defensor/Club Nacional de Football
9.4.80 Santa Cruz Or. Petrolero v. The Strongest 1:0
Montevideo Defensor v. Nacional 0:1
12.4.80 Santa Cruz Oriente Petrolero v. Nacional 1:3
13.4.80 La Paz The Strongest v. Defensor 2:0 .
16.4.80 Santa Cruz Oriente Petrolero v. Defensor 0:1
17.4.80 La Paz The Strongest v. Nacional 3:0
23.4.80 La Paz The Strongest v. Or. Petrolero 3:2
Montevideo Nacional v. Defensor 3:0
26.4.80 Montevideo Nacional v. Oriente Petrolero 5:0
27.4.80 Montevideo Defensor v. The Strongest 1:1
29.4.80 Montevideo Nacional v. The Strongest 2:0
30.4.80 Montevideo Defensor v. Oriente Petrolero 1:1

Nacional	5	0	1	14:4	10
Strongest	3	1	2	9:8	7
Defensor	1	2	3	3:8	4
Or. Petrolero	1	1	4	5:13	3

Qualified: CLUB NACIONAL DE FOOTBALL

Group 3

Brazil: S.C. International/Club Vasco da Gama
Venezula: Galicia FC/Club Tachira
23.3.80 Caracas Galicia v. Tachira 1.0
Rio De Janeiro Vasco da Gama v. Internacional 0:0
13.4.80 Caracas Galicia v. Vasco da Gama 0:0
San Cristobal Tachira v. Internacional 0:1
16.4.80 San Cristobal Tachira v. Vasco da Gama 0:1
Caracas Galicia v. Internacional 2:1
20.4.80 San Cristobal Tachira v. Galicia 0:1
Porto Alegre Internacional v. Vasco da Gama 2:1
27.4.80 Rio de Janeiro Vasco da Gama v. Galicia 4:0
Porto Alegre Internacional v. Tachira 4:0
30.4.80 Rio de Janeiro Vasco da Gama v. Tachira 1:0
Porto Alegre Internacional v. Galicia 2:0

Internacional	4	1	1	10:3	9
V. da Gama	3	2	1	7:2	8
Galicia	3	1	2	4:7	7
Tachira	0	0	6	0:9	1

Qualified: S.C. INTERNATIONAL

Group 4

Ecuador: Club Emeliec/Club Universidad Catolica
Colombia: Club America/Club Independiente Santa Fe
9.3.80 Guayaquil Emelec v. U. Catolica 1:0
12.3.80 Cali America v. Indep. Santa Fe 1:0
16.3.80 Quito U. Catolica v. America 4:2
Guayaquil Emelec v. Indep. Santa Fe 0:2
19.3.80 Bogota Indep. Santa Fe v. America 1:1
23.3.80 Quito U. Catolica v. Emelec 5:0
26.3.80 Quito U. Catolica v. Indep. Santa Fe 1:0
Guayaquil Emelec v. America 1:2
30.3.80 Cali America v. U. Catolica 1:0 C. Busca, Argentina
Bogota Indep. Santa Fe v. Emelec 1:2 H. Ortiz, Paraguay
2.4.80 Bogota Indep. Santa Fe v. U. Catolica 1:0 R. Wright, Brazil
Cali America v. Emelec 4:1 T. Nitti, Argentina

America	4	1	1	11:7	9
U. Catolica	4	0	2	12:5	8
Santa Fe	2	1	3	5:5	5
Emelec	1	0	5	3:14	2

Qualified: CLUB AMERICA

Group 5

Chile: Club Colo Colo/Club Deportivo O'Higgins
Paraguay: Club Sol de America/ Club Cerro Porteno
19.3.80 Santiago Colo Colo v. O'Higgins 1:1
21.3.80 Asuncion Sol de America v. Cerro Porteno 2:1
25.3.80 Asuncion Sol de America v. O'Higgins 1:4
28.3.80 Asuncion Cerro Porteno v. O'Higgins 1:0
8.4.80 Asuncion Cerro Porteno v. Colo Colo 5:3
11.4.80 Asuncion Sol de America v. Colo Colo 2:1
16.4.80 Rancagua O'Higgins v. Colo Colo 1:3
Asuncion Cerro Porteno v. Sol de America 0:0
22.4.80 Santiago Colo Colo v. Cerro Porteno 2:1
Rancagua O'Higgins v. Sol de America 2:0
25.4.80 Santiago CVolo Colo v. Sol de America 1:1
Rancagua O'Higgins v. Cerro Porteno 0:0

O'Higgins	2	2	2	8:6	6
Cerro Port.	2	2	2	8:7	6
Colo Colo	2	2	2	11:11	6
Sol de Am.	2	2	2	6:9	6

Qualified by goal difference: Club Deportino O'-Higgins

Semi-finals

Group 1

Club Deportivo O'Higgins (Chile), Club Olimpia (Paraguayl, Club Nacional de Football (Uruguay)
21.5.80 Santiago O'Higgins v. Nacional 0:1 A. Ithurralde, Argentina
11.6.80 Santiago O'Higgins v. Olimpia 0:1 V. Llobregat, Venezula
18.6.80 Asuncion Olimpia v. Nacional Ol J. Romero, Argentina
2.7.80 Montevideo Nacional v. Olimpia 1:1 C. Esposito, Argentina
9.7.80 Asuncion Olimpia v. O'Higgins 2:0 O. Sanchez, Colombia
16.7.80 Montevideo Nacional v. O'Higgins 2:0 E. Jacome, Ecuador
Qualified: Club Nacional de Football

Group 2

Club Atletico Velez Sarsfield (Argentina), S.C. Internacional (Brazil).
Club Deportivo America (Colombia)
12.6.80 Buenos Aires Velez Sarsfield v. Internacional 0:1
18.6.80 Cali America v. Velez Sarsfield 0:0
25.6.80 Porto Alegre Internacional v. Velez Sarsfield 3:1
2.7.80 Cali America v. Internacional 0:0
10.7.80 Porto Alegre Internacional v. America 0:0
16.7.80 Buenos Aires Velez Sarsfield v. America 0:0
Qualified: S.C. Internacional

Finals

30.7.80 Porto Alegre Internacional v. Nacional 0:0
6.8.80 Montevido Nacional v. Internacional 1:0
South American Champion: Club Nacional de Football (Uruguay)

WORLD CUP PROGRESS

EUROPE

GROUP 1 (Germany FR, Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, Albania)

Finland v Bulgaria 0:2
Albania v Finland 2:0
Finaldn v Austria 0:2

Classification:

Austria	1	1	0	0	2:0	2
Bulgaria	1	1	0	0	2:0	2
Albania	1	1	0	0	2:0	2
Finland	3	0	0	3	0:6	0
Germany FR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0

Group 2 (Netherlands, France, Belgium, Ireland Rep.; Cyprus)

Cyprus v Ireland Rep. 2:3
Ireland Rep. v Netherlands 2:1
Cyprus v France 0:7
Ireland Rep. v Belgium 1:1

Classification

Ireland	3	2	1	0	6:4	5
France	1	1	0	0	7:0	2
Belgium	1	0	1	0	1:1	1
Netherlands	1	0	0	1	1:2	0
Cyprus	2	0	0	2	2:10	0

Group 3 (Czechoslovakia, USSR, Wales, Turkey, Iceland)

Iceland v Wales 0:4
Iceland v USSR 1:2
Turkey v Iceland 1:3
Wales v Turkey 4:0
USSR v Iceland 5:0

Classification:

Wales	2	2	0	0	8:0	4
USSR	2	2	0	0	7:1	4
Iceland	4	1	0	3	4:12	2
Turkey	2	0	0	2	1:7	0

Group 4 (England, Hungary, Switzerland, Rumania, Norway)

England v Norway 4:0
Norway v Rumania 1:1
Rumania v England 2:1

Classification:

Rumania	2	1	1	0	3:2	3
England	2	1	0	1	5:2	2
Norway	2	0	1	1	1:5	1
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0:0	0

Group 5 (Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Denmark, Luxemburg)

Luxemburg v Yugoslavia 0:5
Yugoslavia v Denmark 2:1
Luxemburg v Italy 0:2
Denmark v. Greece .... <:1

Classification:

Yugoslavia	2	2	0	0	7:1	4
Italy	1	1	0	0	2:0	2
Greece	1	1	0	0	1;0	2
Denmark	2	0	0	2	1:3	0
Luxemburg	2	0	0	2	0:7	0

Group 6 (Scotland, Sweden, Portugal, Northern Ireland, Israel)

Israel v Northern Ireland 0:0
Sweden v Israel Sweden v Scotland 0:1
Northern Ireland v Sweden 3:0
Scotland v Portugal 0:0
Israel v Sweden 0:0

Classification:

Northern Ireland	2	1	1	0	3:0	3
Scotland	2	1	1	0	1:0	3
Israel	3	0	3	0	1:1	3
Sweden	4	0	2	2	1:5	2
Portugal	1	0	1	0	0:0	1

Group 7 (Poland, German DR, Malta)

No matches played

CONCACAF

Northern Zone (Canada, USA, Mexico)

Mexico City: Mexico v United States 5:1

Central Zone (Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras)

Panama v Guatemala 0:2
Panama v Honduras 0:2
Panama v Costa Rica 1:1
Panama v El Salvador 1:3
Costa Rica v Honduras 2:3
El Salvador v Panama 4:1
Guatemala v Costa Rica 0:0

Classification:

El Salvador	2	2	0	0	7:2	4
Honduras	2	2	0	0	5:2	4
Guatemala	2	1	1	0	2:0	3
Costa Rica	3	0	2	1	3:4	2
Panama	5	0	1	4	3:12	1

Caribbean Zone

Group A (Cuba, Surinam, Guyana)

Cuba v Surinam 3:0
Surinam v Cuba 0:0
Guyana v Surinam 0:1

Classification:

Cuba	2	1	1	0	3:0	3
Surinam	3	1	1	1	1:3	3
Guyana	1	0	0	1	0:1	0

Group B (Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, Netherlands, Antilles)

Haiti v Trinidad-Tobago 2:0
Trinidad-Tobago v Haiti 1:0
Haiti v Neth. Antilles 1:0

Classification:

Haiti	3	2	0	1	3:1	4
Trinidad-Tobago	2	1	0	1	1:2	2
Neth. Antilles	1	0	0	1	0:1	0

s Mortimer (left) of Aston Villa, races to the ball ahead of former Chelsea player David Stride.

Villa's out of the wilderness

n Villa, one of Britain's oldest soccer is challenging strongly for the English ll League Championship after a long the league wilderness.

) years since Villa won the last of its six league titles, 'ears since it finished as high as second in the table. er manager Ron Saunders, the Birmingham club leads the current league standings.

ie-third of the season a has won 11 of 16 – two more than any t Division Club. There way to go before the ship is decided, but if it ain its present momen- a must have a good taking the title.

on Villa club was found- rs ago and was an origi- er of the league when it d 14 years later.

was a powerful force e end of last century, the league title five again in 1910. But that f long ago was a glory a has never since been beat.

has reached this sea- mising position with ssessing few individual

per Jimmy Rimmer, Arsenal, played half a England against Italy in four years ago. In the , midfielder Des Brem- on as substitute for gainst Sweden.

nine other Villa regu- ot muster an inter- cap between them, remner's resourceful olleagues Dennis Mor- Gordon Cowans are po- internationals.

er has just been chosen ngland "B" squad, and sely promising Cowans tly promoted to the full squad, though he has ak into the actual elev-

and Mortimer provide inuity there is with the team to win an honour ague Cup three years imer was in the line-up st played a goalless Everton in the final. eplay, which Villa won 3-2 after extra time, he was reinforced by the then teenaged Cowans.

Before the next season began, Saunders had recruited Everton's commanding centre back Ken McNaught and rebuilt the defence around him.

The tall, blonde McNaught soon showed how versatile he is. The League Cup victory had qualified Villa for the UEFA (European Football Union) Cup, and he scored both the goals by which Villa beat Gornik Zabrze of Poland in the second round. He went on to score the opening goal in a quarter final 2-2 draw with Barcelona, but a 2-1 second leg defeat in Spain ended that excursion to Europe.

Partnering McNaught at the heart of the current defence is his fellow Scot Alun Evans, a similar style of player, who despite his defensive duties had scored 15 goals in 80 league matches for Villa by the start of this season.

Kenny Swain, who was a striker before he left Chelsea for Villa, and local boy Gary Williams complete the back four.

No current first-team man had played 200 league matches for Villa when the season began, but Mortimer (193 matches) and Cowans (130) make the midfield by far the most experienced section of the side.

Up front, former Nottingham Forest star Peter Withe has outstanding heading ability, making goals for colleagues as well as scoring them himself.

This has helped his partner, Gary Shaw, a local lad still in his teens, to blossom so spectacularly that already this season he has scored 10 goals.

Completing the front line is Tony Morley, an old-fashioned close-dribbling winger.

They met Australia

Brief notes on the England B players who meet Australia at Birmingham on Monday.

GARY BAILEY: Brought from South Africa soccer three years ago by Manchester Utd. His father played for Ipswich Town.

BRENDON BATSON: West Bromwich Albion defender born in West Indies and previously with Cambridge Utd.

KEVIN BOND: Norwich defender and captain of the Canaries. Son of the club's former manager John Bond now with Manchester City.

RUSSELL OSMAN: Defender with Ipswich Town who came through the junior ranks.

SHAUN ELLIOTT: Sunderland defender and product of their youth side.

DEREK STATHAM: West Bromwich Albion.

STEVE WILLIAMS: Southampton midfielder, one of the most talented in England.

BRIAN TALBOT: Midfielder with Arsenal, bought from Ipswich Town for 450,000 pounds in 1979. Gained F.A. Cup-winning medals with both Ipswich and Arsenal.

GORDON COWANS: Aston Villa midfielder and star of their top-of-the table side.

DENNIS MORTIMER: Aston Villa midfielder, ex-Conventry City, and very experienced player.

ALAN SUNDERLAND: Front striker with Arsenal who toured Australia with Wolves some years ago.

CYRIL REGIS: Left-side striker with West Brom who was born in French Guyana.

PETER WARD: Central striker bought by Nottingham Forest a few weeks ago from Brighton for around 450,000 pounds.

KEVIN REEVES: Striker who cost Manchester City over one million pounds earlier this year. Previously with Bournemouth.

PETER BARNES: Left side striker with West Bromwich Albion who cost around 700,000 pounds from Manchester City. Full international for England several times.

FA CUP

FA Cup matches on 22 November:

Boston United v Rotherham; Mossley v Crewe; Northwhich Vics v Huddersfield Town; Hull v Halifax; Sutton Coldfield v Doncaster; Mansfield v Rochdale; Burnley v Scarborough; Tranmere v York; Burscough v Altrincham; Walsall v Stafford Rangers; Darlington v Bury; Wigan v Chesterfield; Workington v Carlisle; Blyth v Burton; Stockport v Sheffield Utd; Scunthorne Utd v Hartlepool; Port Vale v Bradford; Chester v Barnsley; Lincoln v Marine; Fleetwood v Blackpool; Reading v Fulham; Colchester v Portsmouth; Exeter v Leatherhead; Hayes or Yoevil v Farnborough; Aylesbury Utd or Barnet v Minehead; Kettering v Maidstone Utd; Kidderminster Harriers v Millwall; Plymouth v Newport; Addlestone and Weybridge v Brentford; Wimbledon v Windsor And Eton; Gravesend and Northfleet v Harwich and Parkeston or St Albans; Torquay v Barton Rovers; Gillingham v Dagenham; Northampton v Peterborough; Swindon v Weymouth or Taunton; Southend v Hereford; Worcester or Wycombe v Bournemouth; Harlow v Charlton; Enfield v Wembley or Dover; Oxford United v Aldershot.

Ties to be played on November 22.

'WORLD SOCCER' NOW 20

While "Soccer Action" celebrated its 5th birthday a few weeks ago, the international magazine "World Soccer" turned 20.

We offer our congratulations to Philip Rising and his eminent writers — Keir Radnedge, Brian Glanville, Arthur Rotmil, Derick Allsop, Eric Weil, Colin Jose, Leslie Vernon, Eric Batty and Australian correspondent Andrew Dettre.

"World Soccer" remains probably the most authoritative and most readable soccer publication in the world. — LAURIE SCHWAB

PLAYER STRIKE AT LAZIO?

From JIM COOK our European correspondent

Lazio of Italy, demoted last season over the bribes scandal, could have a players' strike on its hands as they haven't been paid for three months. Directors say they can only pay for August. Lazio presently heads the Italian Second Divison.

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Tony Book, sacked by Manchester City, has been offered a coaching job at Cardiff.

Book will decide after further weekend talks with Cardiff manager Richie Morgan. "We need someone with experience and ability to give us a lift. Tony fits the bill," says Morgan.

Morgan is still determined to get Terry Yorath from Spurs, who last week rejected his 200,000 pounds bid.

He plans an increased bid after selling Alan Campbell to Carlisle for 30,000 pounds.

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Orient expect to clinch the transfer of Spurs winger Peter Taylor this week at 200,000 pounds. They'll recoup some of it by letting Alan Whittle go — he's having talks with Barnsley.

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Queens Park Rangers are ready to listen to offers for almost every player as Terry Venables starts to rebuild. He'd like Norwich back Kevin Bond and could offer striker Tommy Langley in part-exchange.

Luton are also trying to sell. They have mid-fielders Alan West and Pasquale Fucillo, defender Mike Saxby and forward Godfrey Ingram on offer.

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Fulham's Malcolm MacDonald would like Spurs striker Mark Falco as his first signing. He may have to sell centre-back Tony Gale to get the cash and Birmingham are interested.

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Luis Adreoutsi, an Argentinian playing for Panathinaikos, was yesterday given a four-month suspended sentence by an Athens court — and a three-month ban by an athletic court — for "offending puplic morals". His crime? Making obscene gestures at fans during a First Division match.

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Clive Allen, axed by Palace, will discuss his future with the club this week.

He did not go to the club at all last week.

It could mean another move for Allan and his fifth manager, in five months. He's had Tommy Docherty at QPR, Terry Neill at Arsenal and Terry Venables and Ernie Walley at Palace.

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Alan Ball, the Blackpool manager how is on three year contract with the club, is reputed to be the highest paid boss in England at around 1000 pounds per week.

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Bobby More is off on his travels again. He's accepted an offer to run a two-week coaching course in St Lucia.

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The ambition of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor to run their own club could be realised — in America.

They are linked with Stuart Webb, former Derby secretary, and two American businessmen in a project to start a "dynamic new club" in the U.S.

I understand the club would be based in Atlanta, where the present team, the Chiefs, are about to go under, and that Clough and Taylor would be full partners in the venture.

Would it mean Clough and Taylor leaving Forest? My information is that they'll hang on for as long as possible by guaranteeing Forest that at least one will be there at all times.

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Laurie Sivell, 29, who has been 13 years with Ipswich Town and is presently deputising for first team keeper Paul Cooper who is injured, is the smallest goalie in the English Leagues stretching only 5' 7".

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Luton Town, which reported a loss of 500,000 pounds on last season's workings, has recently installed a 100,000 pounds sophisticated electronic scoreboard costing 100,-000 pounds — the best in Europe and sponsored by a local furniture manufacturer.

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Johnny Giles, the ex-Leeds United star and ex-teamboss of the Republic of Ireland has gone to Canada to take over as coach of Vancouver Whitecaps.

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It's reported that Franz Beckenbauer will earn around 250,000 pounds in his first year with Hamburg after spending three seasons with New York Cosmos.

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The Association of Spanish footballers and the Spanish Football Federation are again in dispute over the ruling which erupted last season that all Third Division sides had to include at least two players under the age of 21 in their starting line-ups.

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Teddy Maybank, the former Fulham star now with PSV Eindhoven, may be forced to quit the game through a pelvic injury.

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Jupp Derwall the West German team manager, is not all that popular in Brazil after saying that Argentine could be its most dangerous opponent in the World Cup and that Maradona is a better player at his age than Pele was.

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The Americans are hoping to introduce a new points system next season with nine for a win to encourage attacking play. But any change will have to be approved by FIFA.

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Supermac Malcolm McDonald landed the Fulham manager's post as I predicted even although the chairman Ernie Clay initially told him he would be an idiot to take the job.

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Colombia, scheduled to host the 1986 World Cup Finals here, according to their head of State Julie Cesar Turbay, already got guarantees of 20 million pounds from commercial interests to update their stadiums and facilities.

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Terry Hennesey, the former Wales skipper, has been appointed assistant coach of American side Tulsa Roughnecks.

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Peter Lorimer the former Leeds United and Scotland winger, will be assistant coach to Johnny Giles at Vancouver Whitecaps.

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Bristol City manager Bob Houghton of Malmo fame has agreed on fees for Swedish pair Lennart Larsson of Halmstead and striker Teitur Thordarsson of Oester Vaeejoe. Both are expected to be cleared before Christmas.

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Terry Cooper, the former Leeds United star now player-manager of Bristol Rovers, reckons one of the reasons for soccer's falling standards is that young footballers are more dedicated to chasing birds than learning socer skills.

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Liverpool have now equalled the record of Glasgow Rangers (British record) of appearing in 109 European games.

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Colombia has confirmed it is ready to stage the 1986 World Cup which rules out reports that it might have been switched to Brazil.

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Mick Robinson, the ex-Manchester City striker who recently moved to Brighton for about 500,000 pounds, turned out for the Republic of Ireland in its World Cup Qualifying tie with France due to the fact that his grandmother, actress Eliza Morgan, was Irish.

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England, Italy and Yugoslavia are rivals for this season's European Cup Final in May. UEFA will decide the venue once the quarter-finalists are known.

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Ron Greenwood, the England socer boss, watched the World Cup qualifying tie between Switzerland and Norway. England plays Switzerland at Wembley tonight, November 19.

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New York Cosmos has been given the cold shoulder by Bayern Munich star Paul Breitner who spent his holidays in America the past summer looking things over. Breitner is under contract to Bayern for another two years.

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Argentine coach Cesar Menotti says he will quit after the World Cup and will be open to offers. But unless anyone can offer him a multi-million-dollar contract it won't be on.

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Peru is reported to be interested in re-hiring former Brazilain star Didi who guided it in the 1970 World Cup. But Didi is not to be found despite calls to Brazil and the Middle East where he had been coaching.

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Reports suggest that French side St Etienne want to unload the famous Johnny Rep but his watertight contract rules out any move at present.

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Liverpool has nine full internationals in the present side who can muster a total of 248 caps between them.

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Glasgow Rangers is having to bury its head in the sand. Winner of the European Cup Winners Cup and beaten in two other finals as well as being Scottish champions 37 times, it was knocked out of the Ango-Scottish Cup by English Third Division side Chesterfield. Chesterfield held Rangers to a 0-0 draw in Glasgow and at home beat Rangers 3-0. Irony for Rangers was that Phil Bonnyman, discarded by them a good many years ago, scored two of Chesterfield goals.

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Sammy Nelson, the Arsenal and Northern Ireland defender, gets his testimonial on November 25 when the Gunners play Celtic at Highbury.

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Brighton are now favourites for David McCreery, QPR utility player, who has turned down a move to Newcastle.

Franz Beckenbauer, now back in Germany with Hamburg.

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Juventus under 15s, from left, standing: L. Roggero (senior vice-president), G. Muccio, (team manager), G. Deamicis, J. Tirabassi, G. Sannipoli (captain), V. Roggero, A. Mucchio (vice-captain), F. Ljubetic, A. Lia (coach). Front: S. Hackett, D. Vesnaver, F. Moras, H. Petropoulos, R. Lia, W. Costa, S. Amoddio, S. Manini.

Juventus under-12s, from left, standing: Stan Hackett (coach), Anthony Incantalupo, Sammy Gentiluomo, Michael Tenace, Giovanni Coniglia, Paolo Borin, Paolo D'Angelo, Sergio Valentino, Giovanni Marchionda, Michele Valentino (team manager). Front: John Gilas, Florindo D'Angelo, Michael Cosentino, Andrew Manduca, Michael Chan, Fausto DaAmicis, Giovanni Gi'Urffo, Valentino DeFauzio.

Juventus boys successful

Juventus, under the direction of junior coaching director Jim Armstrong, won junior league championships and various other honors this year.

The league titles went to the under 14s and under 15s.

The under 12s won the State League Colts Cup and the Under 15s the junior Italian Cup.

The under 16s finished fourth in their league and won the Toto Pizza competition at Brighton.

The under 19s won the Mirabella Cup by beating Altona 3-1 in the final after extra time.

Juventus's under 11C team also won its section of the Italian Cup.

Italian Cup final results were:

Under 11C: Juventus 6 North Reservoir 0; under 11: Juventus 0 Fawkner 2; under 12: Thomatown 2 Juventus 2, Thomastown won 4-2 on penalties; under 13: Thomastown 2 Fawkner 0; under 14: Morwell Falcons 0 Fawkner 3; under 15: Juventus 5 Fawkner 0; under 16: Thomastown 1 Batman United 0.

Juventus under 13's, from left, standing: H. Petras (coach), M. Vallesi, M. Muccio, S. Grecco, S. Valentino, M. Tenacci, N. Cipriani, P. Dicello, V. Cipriani (manager). Front: P. Signorello, G. Pollina, C. Dipalma, A. Noto, A. Cipriani, M. Consentino, P. Barin.

Youth hopes fly away for Tombidis

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Ever wonder what happened to promising West Australian and national youth team striker Paul Tombidis?

Last September Tombidis was in camp with the Australian youth squad for a week. It's likely to be the last time he experiences national team training.

"He went home to play with Olympic in the Western Australian grand final," said ASF youth development officer Brian Emery.

"He requested to leave because he said he was carrying an injury but he was told that if he was unable to train he was required for tactical discussions.

"We had paid his wages for the week but he just took off back home without giving us prior warning," Emery said.

The ASF executive discussed Tombidis's action and advised the Western Australian Soccer Federation that one of their players had flown out of the youth camp without permission.

The WASF ruled that Tombidis was ineligible to play for Olympic because officially he was on duty with the national team.

"We've had continual problems with Tombidis over the past two years," said Emery.

"Other players in the squad told us that Tombidis had said that he was going back home to pick up his wages and possible bonuses with Olympic.

The ASF has invested a healthy sum of money in Tombidis.

"We flew him back and forward, spent time and effort and coaching expertise on him while he kept a more dedicated boy out of the squad," said Emery.

"Until he matures a lot he'll never be picked in a national squad.

"We were going to take further action against him but we didn't want to interfere with his club career.

"Whatever club signs him is in for a bloody big headache."

Emery was disappointed with the youth team's withdrawal from the Victoria Cup.

He was confident of the lads making the semi-finals and the strongest squad had been selected to come to Melbourne to play against Makedonia last week.

"TAA couldn't fly us down because of the strike," said Emery.

"We were booked on a 9 am flight and the strike ended at 10 am. I was sure we'd be able to get a flight out about midday but I found out that all bookings are cancelled during a strike and when we tried to get another booking the flights to Melbourne were booked out until 8.30 pm that night."

The youth team will fly out of Sydney on 1 December for the Oceania Cup tournament in Fiji.

The team will fly back to Sydney for two days before leaving for Israel's winter tournament where they will play seven or eight games against Israel, Rumania, Nor-

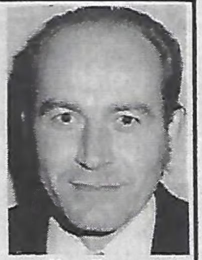
Tribute to Kontra

A leading official of the Croydon City (Vic.) juniors has paid tribute to Ken Kontra for the excellent work he has done this year as the club's director of junior coaching.

"We appointed him to instruct all our other coaches in the art of dealing with young players," said Merv Martin, former junior secretary of Croydon and now treasurer.

"Ken put a tremendous amount of energy and expertise into the job.

"He ran pre-season courses for all the junior coaches and managers over a period of seven or eight weeks to give them an idea of how to coach kids.



Ken Kontra

"Then he ran a series of monthly lectures by people like Len McKendry, Brian Nettleton and other experts on various aspects of coaching and sport.

"He did the final lecture himself and he wrote about coaching in our newsletter, which was compiled later into a coaching manual.

"Ken also coached the under 16 State League Colts who finished third in the league, won the Cup and were runners-up in the top four championship.

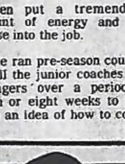
"And he was generally available to anyone in the junior club virtually at any time for help of any kind.

"I and all at the club were very impressed by Ken Kontra.

"The kids themselves and the parents idolise him."

Kontra is a former Victorian State coach and director of coaching for the Victorian Soccer Coaches Association.

He has coached Slavia, Melbourne, Wilhlemina, St Albans, and Ferntree Gully, among others.



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Don't be fooled by a winning coach

A sensible and commonsense approach should be exercised when looking for a club where your lad can play when he turns 10, and by far the most important thing to make sure of is that your son's coach is a qualified man.

He must be able to teach him all the correct skills and accomplishments of soccer, not forgetting the mental and morel attributes needed to become a first class soccer player and if you make sure his coach has passed a coaching course at least you can be sure the lad will be taught correctly.

I am sure you would not send your boy to a school where the teachers were not qualified!

Next thing to look for should be a club as close as possible to where you live. I feel sure that one of the clubs in your area will have a first class coach to teach its young boys and by selecting a club nearby you will certainly save a tremendous amount of travelling to and from training.

A lot of people are only concerned about getting their son into a winning team no matter how far they have to travel but your worry should not be that your son's team is winning but that the lad is learning and only good coaching can help him be needed later in his soccer life.

You will find a good coach will, at the age group we are talking about, worry more about coaching individuals rather than producing a winning team, which in my opinion is not very hard to achieve if one has a couple of very good boys in a team.

The win-at-all costs kind of coaching in the young age groups will achieve nothing except the creation of a couple of so-called stars who, when they get to play senior soccer, will find they are not as good as they thought they were.

In many cases they will give the game away within a few years so for our son's sake make sure that he learns all his basic skills thoroughly and correctly while he is young because these are the things which will make or break him as a senior player.

As this is the last issue of "Soccer Action" for 1980 I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my friends and readers a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, and I

Yarra revival

South Yarra's traditions go back for many years, but recent years unfortunately have seen a decline in the club's position in Victorian soccer.

It is facing a long road back to the top, and 1980 saw the opening of new clubrooms, and the facilities provided by these rooms have been a great boost to the club.

South Yarra will be entering five teams in 1981 — seniors, reserves, under-16, under-15, and under-14 and needs players for all of these teams, as well as coaches for the juniors.

The only pre-requisites are:-

- Ability to play soccer, or in the case of the juniors, desire to learn;
- Your desire to be part of a club which is trying its hardest to improve its name in Victorian soccer.

Senior coach for 1981 is Dino DeMarchi, who has a long background in Victorian soccer, first with Juventus, then with Fawkner.

People willing to help should contact:

Kevin Rosen (President) 232 1415, Laurie Lesley (Secretary) — 20 3942, Dino DeMarchi (Senior Coach) — 795 2602, Roger Golaz (Junior Coach) — 528 3793.

JUNIOR BOSS IN DEMAND

After a one-year absence John Speelmeyer has returned to Springvale City Soccer Club as Junior Secretary for season 1981.

Speelmeyer was secretary of Springvale during the period 1977 - 1978 and the designer of Springvale's improved facilities such as their social rooms and flood lighting at Ross Reserve and Noble Park Reserve.

Speelmeyer has definite ideas on how junior soccer can be improved. His first step is to find a junior co-ordinator of coaching. It is desirable that this person has a coaching badge either from Australia or overseas.

His duties will be:

- to organise coaching clinics for junior coaches in liaison with the club's sensior coach, Eddie Lange.
- assist coaches in the development of their training program.
- organise training films

Arrangements are being made to conduct a joint coaching/administration seminar between Waverley City junior director of coaching, Tony Brown and Springvale City, over a period of two weekends early February 1981.

Topics demonstrated and discussed will be.

- Theory of coaching juniors.
- Practical coaching demonstration and participation of all junior coaches of both clubs.
- Talk by a referee on junior refereeing.
- Talk on the administration of junior clubs.

Speelmeyer believes the above ideas are a positive step towards the improvement of junior soccer as well as administration of junior soccer clubs.

Speelmeyer can be contacted at 6 Grace Street, Springvale, 3171, or by phone 615 5795 till 4 pm or after 8 pm

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Names of clubs have to change. The traditional names linking clubs with the home countries of their founders are appropriate no longer, no matter what arguments are used to defend those names.

St George should not have been put out of the Philips League. We should all be interested more in consolidation at district level than in places on the competition ladder. That's exactly what St George did, but it had the misfortune of getting bad on-field results and so it was kicked out. That was a disaster.

I agree that at least one club should be promoted to the Philips League every year but it should replace not necessarily the last club, but the club that is found to be weakest in an annual evaluation of ground facilities, finances, and links with the local community.

Only after we have a league in which every club meets all these criteria, should we start relegating according to positions on the league ladder.

I don't agree with the concept of summer soccer. To me you play that card when it is the last one left in the pack, not when other suits have not yet been fully exploited.

I see no reason why we could not have taken on Rugby League in earnest in the winter in Sydney and Queensland and won.

Rugby League is a faltering sport. It never has measured up as a major code. It has nothing to offer to kids and soccer could beat it easily on merit if we were to carry out the right strategy.

Next year is the most critical. The World Cup elimination games and the Coca-Cola world youth finals will spark the public interest that should enable us to overtake Rugby League. If we don't, we'll come back with some new airy-fairy brainwave every few years.

We owe it to the 600,000 junior players in this country to provide their sport with a sound future.

They must be able to go to strong clubs with realistic expenditure and income policies. They are entitled to expect the sport to be following firm, progressive policies laid down by the national federation.

And if they emerge among the best in the land, they are entitled to expect a place in the national team. As things stand now, it is possible for fellows like Jim Muir to sit on the club bench one week and be in the national team the next, ahead of scores of younger local players.

At the moment, there is nothing to stop players being put into the national team only a couple of months after coming to Australia from overseas.

And what about tours?

The visit by Mexico's national team was a debacle.

Canberra $260,000 in debt, axing of St George a disaster

—but soccer still can be No. 1 with the right approach...

Visits from overseas, and tours by the Socceroos are arranged in an amateurish, even incompetent manner. Anyone can turn up at any time from any place to make a bit of money for one promoter or another.

And when it comes to the Socceroos going overseas, their tours often are not finalised even when they board the plane.

Clearly there should be long-term planning in this area. We must know at least a year in advance which teams are coming here and when, and also the itinerary of any proposed tour by our national team.

The shortcomings of our leading clubs, as I stated earlier, are illustrated starkly by the example of Canberra City, of which I was president from 1978 to 1980.

Canberra has the potential to be the top club in Australia, capable of drawing crowds of 8000 with a winning team, but unfortunately it cannot live up to that potential due to poor administration.

The club is about $260,000 in debt, not counting about $19,000 it owes its players in signing-on fees and match fees.

Yet Canberra has elected a board that looks incapable of directing the club's activities towards removing that debt.

I presume that the board wants to cover the total debt by making a loan from a finance company, bank or credit union in order to break down its repayments. It remains to be seen whether the club has the necessary credit rating to get such a loan.

There was a meeting with players last week at which they were told that the club could not meet their payments by 1 December. In many cases money has been owed for several months.

What's more, board members have been saying that they'll cut signing-on fees in half next season.

I've spoken to some of the players and they're far from happy. Some are threatening to quit the club, others already have started negotiations with other clubs.

The greatest scandal is that despite the $260,000 debt, the club appointed a Scottish coach three days before the annual elections, in virtual secrecy.

These people think they're playing Monopoly — money is of no object, even when they haven't got any.

This new coach must be costing at least $20,000 a year, yet Frank Macaroni, the coach who took Inter Monaro to near the top of the State League in 1979 and to the verge of the top four this year, actually offered to coach Canberra City for nothing!

Surely, when you have no money, you jump at an offer like that.

Not so with the Canberra board!

After an absence from the club's administration, I was going to stand for the board elections but I withdrew when it turned into a Mad Hatter's tea party.

Everyone was politicking before the elections, a lot of incompetents were among the candidates, backs-stabbing was rife, and one fellow, Jack Evans, in announcing that he had a prospective club sponsor who would pour $30,000 into Canberra City, made the point that the company concerned would negotiate with no-one but Evans himself.

And then there was the $9000 which no-one could account for....

The social club made a profit of about $80,000 over the year, which goes towards the soccer team and to help pay off the debt.

But gate income dropped dramatically to about $110,000 for the year.

Net loss for the year was about $46,000 which must be added to previous debts. Total spent on soccer during the year was $325,000 including transfer fees.

The $30,000 promoted by Jack Evans will help if it does materialise but it will not be enough.

Unless the club cuts back drastically and devises new ways of raising additional money, it will make little impression on the debt.

And other clubs are in the same boat. I don't have any specific figures but I've been told enought to suggest that financial gloom pervades the Philips League.

In summary, there needs to be a drastic reorganisation of soccer throughout Australia on a realistic basis, and in doing that, some heads will have to roll, otherwise our soccer has no future.

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CLUB CLOSE-UP

Clarinda (Vic)

BACK: J. Kakouros (secretary); J. Burford (coach); A. Kakouros (from Sth. Oakleigh, 1977); M. Argyrou (Western Suburbs, 1979); A. Polyzos (Sth. Oakleigh, 1977); C. Kakouros (Sth. Oakleigh, 1977); V. Loncaric (juniors); O. De Lappaz (Slavia, 1980); S. Kajakourinos (Sandown, 1977); M. Paraskevopoulos (team manager); G. Andris (physiotherapist).
FRONT: C. Caldas (Springvale City, 1980); P. Antonopoulos (Sandown, 1979); C. Kouvardas (juniors); T. Pilatsiaris (Heidelberg, 1978); S. Topalidis (Waverley, 1979); K. Kofos (juniors).
ABSENT: S. Seizis (juniors); J. Manvropoulos (Sandown, 1979); N. Apostolopoulos (Sth. Oakleigh, 1979).

Victorian District Division Three club Clarinda was formed in 1974. Founders members included John Grezos, president; Bill Grezos, team manager; Leo Manidis, secretary; Danny Katsouris, treasurer and Peter Pavlou, coach. The club started in District Division Four but the re-organisation of District Leagues in late 1978 placed Clarinda in the Third Division for the 1979 season. The club is one of the most progressive in Victoria and thanks to the Oakleigh City council it has a massive complex at Grange Reserve, South Clayton. The council has paid $360,000 for land adjacent to the reserve on which further grounds and a pavilion will be built. Clarinda gained promotion this season.

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Lennox retires

Bobby Lennox (pictured) retired last week after 20 consecutive seasons with Glasgow Celtic.

Lennox, 37, has been appointed manager of Celtic's reserve team.

During his time with the club, Celtic won nine FA Cups, reached the final four other items, won the Scottish championship 11 times and beat Inter Milan in the 1967 European Cup final.

Lennox visited Australia with Celtic in 1977, for the "World of Soccer" tournament against Arsenal, Red Star and Australia.

Celtic beat Red Star in the final at Olympic Park.

Keegan injured

England's preparations for the World Cup qualifying match against Switzerland today (Wednesday) were jolted by injuries to three players in Saturday's League games.

Skipper Kevin Keegan, defender Phil Thompson and striker Eric Gates will all miss the group four clash at Wembley.

Injury has prevented European Footballer of theYear Keegan from playing in either of England's previous qualifying matches, and the Southampton midfield man suffered a recurrence of hamstring trouble during his teams 3-0 defeat by Manchester City.

England manager Ron Greenwood was at London club Crystal Palace where he saw Liverpool's Thompson break a collar bone in three places.

Gates, who might have got the job as Keegan's deputy in Wednesday, was forced to withdraw from the squad because of a pulled calf muscle during Ipswich's 3-1 win against Leicester.

Ispwich team mate Terry Butcher could fill the defensive gap created by Thompson's absence from the match against a Swiss side who lost their only previous qualifying game to Norway. England have beaten Norway and lost to Romania.

VIERNES 21 EN ANGELUCCIS
DESPEDIMOS 1980 CON LOS
PELIGRO DE GOL AWARD . . .

PELIGRO DE GOOOLLL

— Oscar Perea

Felicidades para todos, muchas gracias . . . volvemos en enero del 81.

Jugando bajo condiciones propicias para la playa y no para el futbol en el Preston Institute se inicio el campeonato de veteranos STIWELL FORD KEW, 1980. Con la muy buena organizacion del HOTHAM UNITED. Muy buena asistencia de publico y en una marco de correcćion y camaraderia estos fueron los resultados.

WEST MELBOURNE	2
PORT UNITED	1

West Melbourne; LENTINO-COSSU CAIRO-LOPEZ-PECASTAING-RUIZ-GIACOMELLI-BRACCIALE-CIFUENTES-NAVARRO-PEREA- Cambios- ROJAS-GONZALEZ-LAZO-DE PETRO-

GOLES; BRACCIALE desde 35 metros, luego que PEREA se eludiera el mismo varias veces (los contrarios estababan tomando agua).

CIFUENTES, tiro libre desde 25 metros, zurdazo impresionante, tomo carrera desde la City.

GIL MOREIRA, de penal. Asi no vale, Lentino estaba consultando a el "HERMANO GAMARRA" pero ni los platos voladores, GIL MOREIRA lo fusilo.

Refere; VALENZUELA (ex-Keilor Austria-HOTHAM UNITED), para que vamos a hablar.

PORT UNITED; ANDRICHO-L.VALENZUELA-CERDA-PALMA-CONTRERAS-NAVARRO-GIL MOREIRA-JOA COSTA (Little Eusebio)-PEREYRA-SPINA-JARAMILLO Todos se divirtieron, publico jugadores y hasta el refere.

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ASCOM CLAYTON-	2
WEST BRUNSWICK	0

ASCOM- Por razones de tactica se desconoce el nombre de los jugadores de este equipo solo se pudo descubrir a OLIVARES-LOPEZ-BRACCIALE G.-y los autores de los goles GOLAS tremendo disparo de 30 metros y ARDIALES, buena jugada.

WEST BRUNSWICK; BEJAR-RODRIGUEZ-SANTOS-MARCA-GORDAL-OLIVERA-PRESTA-FIGUEROA-JULIAN-CABRERA-FOLETI-CRISTALDO-CHIAPETTI-SUERO Referee- Las cosas que hay ver, DANTON ROUSO.

Muy buen partido, mala suerte para el equipo Uruguayo y los laureles para la incansable defensa del aguerrido equipo ASCOM CLAYTON.

Han prometido no llevarse la planilla con el nombre de lo jugadores, MUY BIEN, JUICIO.

HOTHAN UNITED "A"	3
HOTHAM UNITED "B"	1

CHILE GRANDE; CUEVAS-NILO-PALACIOS-MACHUCA-RIVERA-TORO-CASTRO-BARRUETO- (des resto no se saben los nombres, parece que no habian pedido permiso a las senoras para jugar)

Goles; NILO, dos golazos. CASTRO, como en los buenos tiempos.

CHILE CHICO; MACHUCA-CARDONE-BUSTOS-ROUSO GONZALEZ-MARTINEZ-ECHEVERRIA CUEVAS-OLIVA-VARGAS I- y VARGAS M.-SARAVIA-

Goles- El del honor SARAVIA. Arbitrado por el senor RUBIO sin comentarios.

Buen partido, jugado "con todo" mientras las piernas aguantaron.

FINALES; Domingo 30, en el mismo campo...CONCURRA.....

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BURNLEY SOCCER CLUB

El proximo domingo 23 a las 11 de la manana, todos los jugadores, personal tecnico y los aficionados se reunen en CASA DE ESPANA. Juan Tato es el nuevo secretario de deportes, JOHNNY SANTOS el de FUTBOL. NO FALTE.....

Si el gran Ricardo Lorenzo, BOROCOTO, viviera, al escribir otra vez, ese momumento de ternura que fue "EL DIARIO DE COMEÑAS" dedicado a los pibes que fundaron en Villa Soldati SACACHISPAS, esta foto estaria en el libro con un titulo, "LA PRINCESA y el CRACK"..... "cuando juegue en primera, el primer gol que haga le digo a los diarios que te lo dedico a vos..", Rosita muerta de verguenza contesto..." Si, pero, el beso de agradecimiento no te lo doy delante de la gente mi papa me mata...", Comeuñas sentado sobre la pelota, soñaba con sus goles en primera, Rosita, se fue adentro..."porque las nenas educadas, no estan en la vereda con los varones.." Paula y Mariano, Australia, 1980...ilusion color glicina como la camiseta del SACACHISPAS, de Rosita y Comeuñas...GRACIAS FUTBOL, GRACIAS.

Dio comienzo en el Instituto Tcnologico de Preston el Campeonato de Veteranos organizado por el HOTHAM UNITED y patrocinado por STIWELL FORD of KEW. West Melbourne, West Brunswick, HOTHAM UNITED "A" y "B", ASCOM de Clayton y el PORT UNITED compiten por magnificos trofeos donados por Gil Moreira, el activo gerente de ventas de Stiwell Ford. Los "viejos cracks" del BURNLEY han prometido una activa participacion para la proxima competencia. Jugados los encuentros en un marco de camaraderia y amistad, para muchos esto es pretexto para recordar...EL TIEMPO PASADO FUE MEJOR.......

ZIKA NIKOLIC

NEPREDVIDJENI FINALISTI

J.U.S.T. je bio optisan posle velikog poraza protiv Makedonije, a ni Makedonija nije bila favorit protiv Helasa, koji ima najskuplje placeni tim u Australiji. Medjutim, u nogometu je sve moguce. "Plavi", iako oslabljeni kaznjavanjem Lujica i Jovanovica, igraju kao preporodjeni, narocito protiv Hakoaha, koga su pobedili sa deset igracka u produzetku, posle skandaloznih odluka loseg sudije Hendersona. Heroji J.U.S.T.-ove pobede bili su Denis Boland i Pavle Simic, ali ne treba zaboraviti ni provratak u formu Josipa Picioana, koji je brutalno povredjen u prvom poluvremenu, ali je nastavio da se bori jos pola sata. Makedonija je takodje pokazala formu i igru, sa kojom je polizila mocnog Helasa na pleca. Takedje, bez nekoliko kljucnih igraca "creveno-crnih" su pokazali da su tim buducnosti.

U suboti 22. novembra sastaju se ponovo u finalu J.U.S.T. i Makedonij a. Ocekuje se rekordna poseta u Victoria Kupu, iako su ispali favoriti. Prema do sada pokazanoj igri, Makedonija ima najbolje izglede da osvoji ngradu i pehar jugoslovenske avionske kompanije JAT, ali ne treba otpisati "plave". Nekoliko godina unazad, Aleksandar je u predtakmicenju pregazio JUST-a sa 6:1, ali su u finalu trijumfovali "plavi" sa 2:1. Istorija se ne ponavlja uvek, ali u nogometu nista nije nemoguce.

Finalna utakmica pocinje u 7.30 casova uvece na Olimpic Parku. JUST ce biti pojacan sa Lujicem i Jovanovicem, ali je pod znakom pitanja mladi Kyrikouleas, koga je sudija neopravdano izbacio prosle subote i verovatno ce biti kaznjen sa nekoliko utakmica neigranja. Claude Luccesi nece moci da igra za Makedoniju, a prica se da ce jos nekoliko igraca otici na godisnji odmor u Englesku i Skotsku, ali ce uprava sigurno odloziti njihov put. Jer ovo je prilika, koja se ne proposta, iako su mnogi kriticari vec odavno osudili Victoria Kup.

Odmor igraca nece biti dug, jer Philips liga pocinje prvenstvo vec 1. februara iduce godine. Do tog vremena bice na odmoru i "Soccer Action" bez koga se ne moze zamisliti uspesan razvoj nogometa u Australiji, narocito istocnim drzavama.

HARKSBURN POBEDNIK TURNIRA CARLTON/SRBIJE

Prosle nedelje je zavrsen drugi turnir Carlton/Srbije, koji je neocekivano is sretno ponovo osvojio Hawksburn. Rezultati polufinala:

CHADSTONE — HAWKSBURN 1:3 (1:1). Kada je amaterski sastav Chadstona poveo sa 1:0 u 14. minutu preko Victora Kostromina, ocekivao se poraz iskusnijeg Hawksburna. Medjutim, velika vrucina je brzo pokosila igrace Chadstona i Hawksburn je preokrenuo rezultat u svoju korist, golovima zdrage Bulica u 26., Jani Pala u 54. i autogolom u 55. minutu. Zbog vrucine, utakmica je trajala svega 60 minuta.

U drugoj polufinalnoj utakmici SOUTH DANDENONG je zasluzeno pobedio domacina Carlton/Srbiju sa 1:0 (0:0), sto ne znaci da rezultat nije mogao biti obrnut. Medjutim, sreca je izneverila najbolje strelce Carlton/Srbije. Ljuba Stojanovic i Miladin Bjelogrlic obicno ne promasuju iz ovakvih prilika, ali je najnesretniji bio Jimy Milisavljevic par minuta pre kraja. Izbio je sam pred istrcalog golmana, koga je uspesno lobovao, ali lopta je za dlaku otisla preko precke. South Dandenong je isto tako imao nekoliko lepih prilika, ali je pobedonosni gol postigao iz jedanaesterca, koji je scrivio Ljubce Ivanovski. U. zabuni i nesvesno je udario loptu rukom u 61. minutu i sudija je pokazao opravdano na belu tacku. Strelac je bio Joe Contreras.

U borbi za treece mesto CARLTON/SRBIJA je pobedila Chadstone sa 3:1 (2:1). I ova utakmica je trajala svega 60 minuta. Carlton je poveo vec u 3. minutu, ali je minut kasnije Joe Cernjus izjednacio. Miladin Bjelogrlic je povosio na 2:1 u 24. minutu, a Boris Basic je minut posle odmora postavio konacan rezultat.

Finalna utakmica je donela dosta uzbudjenja i golova. Pobednik je Hawksburn, ali tek u produzetku, posto je u zadnjem minutu regularnog vremena izjednacio na 3:3 (0:0). South Dandenong je poveo sa 2:0 golom Pedra Ramosa u 49. i autogolom Andras Sejmesi u 70. minutu. Istvan Laslo je smanjio na 2:1 u 75., ali je Pedro Ramos podigao na 3:1 u 80. minutu. Minut kasnije Jene Kalmar iz jedanaesterca opet smanjuje na 3:2, a Ferenc Ceh u 90. minutu izjednacuje. Samo sto je poceo produzetak, istvan Laslo je glavom sproveo centar sut Joe Saba u desni ugao protivnicke mreze. Ovaj gol je odlucio pobednika, koji je primio veliki prelazni pehar, dok je South Dandenong dobio manji u trajno vlasnistvo. Carlton/Srbija je kao treca dobila loptu.

Iduce subote i nedelje odigrava se novi turnir na igralistu Hawksburna, Koornang Park, ugao Koornang Rd & Lygon St, Carnegie (My. 68 H.6). Ucestvuju osam timova, koji treba da se okupe do 9.30 casova pre podne 22. novembra.

Overseas scores

WEST GERMANY

Borussia Moenchengladbach 3 Karlsruher SC 3, Bayer Verdingen 4 Entracht Frankfurt 1, Arminia Bielefeld 3 VFL Bochum 3, Borussia Dortmund 2 Kaiserslautern 2, Fortuna Duesseldorf 2 Nuremberg 2, Bayern Munich 1 Cologne 1, Bayer Leverkusen 1 1860 Munich 1, Schalke 2 Duisburg 2, VFB Stuttgart 3 Hamburger SV 2

POLAND

Baltyk Goynia 1 Zaglebie Sosnowiec 1, Legia Warsaw 3 Lech Poznan 0, Zawisza Bydgoszcz 2 Odra Opole 1, Slask Wroclaw 0 LKS Lodz 0, Gornik Zabrze 1 Stal Mielec 1, Wisla Krakow 5 Motor Lublin 1, Szombierki Bytom 4 Arka Gdynia 1, Widzew LOdz 1 Ruch Chorzow 0

GREECE

Ofi 2 Apollon 1, Larisa 2 Panachaiki 0, Ethnikos 4 Kavala 0, AEK 4 Korinthos 0, Aris 0 Paok 1, Kastoria 2 Panionios 0, Doxa 2 Olympiakos 0, Panserraikos 2 Panathinaikos 2, Atromitos 0 Yannina 0

NORTHERN IRELAND

Gold Cup: Ballymana 4 Larne 2, Bangor 2 Distillery 1, Cliftonville 2 Glentorna 1, Coleraine 3 Crusaders 2, Glenavon 2 Ards 0, Linfield 3 Portadown 0

SPAIN

Barcelona 3 Salamanca 0, Hercules 1 Real Zaragoza 1, Real Betis 1 Real Madrid 1, Real Sociedad 1 REal Valladolid 0, Las Palmas 3 Almerica 0, Osasuna 2 Althetic Bilbao 0, Valencia 2 Sevilla 0, Sporting 2 Real Murcia 0, Atletico Madrid 1 Espanol 0

BELGIUM

RWD Molenbeek 0 Waregem 1, Courtrai 0 Anderlacht 1, Beerschot 2 Waterschei 0, FC Liegeois 1 FC Bruges 0, Beringen 0 Lokeren 1, Bercham 1 Antwerp 1, Cercle Bruges 1 Beveren 1, Winterslag 2 Standard 0, Lierse 3 La Gantoise 2

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Rudi's in demand again

Rudi Gutendorf

Rudi Gutendorf is conferring with his solicitor Dr Armin Buchholtz over offers for his services from a top European club and a national federation.

Gutendorf said his contract with Australia expires in August next year if the Socceroos fail to qualify for the World Cup Finals in 1982.

The offers for the Australian national team supremo followed Australia's excellent 3-3 draw with Greece in Athens.

Reported offers to Gutendorf are not unusual.

Since he has taken over the reins of national team coach reports have linked him with San Jose Earthquakes, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Taiwan and German Bundesliga club MSV Duisburg.

Hopes were high in the Australian camp for a reconciliation of the argument which erupted last weekend between Gutendorf and Australian administrative officer Kevin D'Arcy.

D'Arcy told tour leader Vic Tuting that he was upset at what had happened and was prepared to return home for the goodwill of the team but Tuting called a round table conference to settle the differences.

The Australians were guests of English First Division side Ipswich at its game against Leicester last weekend.

Gutendorf and his players took the opportunity to spy upon Jock Wallace's side which currently is struggling at the foot of the English First Division and was convincingly beaten 3-1 by Ipswich.

Gutentorf was upset that the Australians had to sit in the open for the Ipswich match and that he could not make notes on the Leicester team until taken under shelter by Ipswich and England B manager Bobby Robson.

The Australians will play Leicester on 24 November and Robson has arranged a full scale practice match against the regular Ipswich first team as part of Australia's build-up to the Leicester game.

Australia likely will play a full 'A' international against Tunisia which is in preparation for the World Cup qualifying rounds.

The game scheduled for 27 November will be a hard one for Australia said Gutendorf who will call upon his experience as a former national team coach of Tunisia to provide his team with valuble insight into its opponents strengths.

Drinoczky seeks transfer

Talented Melbourne central defender Paul Drinoczky, 20, is looking for a new club.

Drinoczky (pictured) has had a distinguished career with Melbourne and represented Victoria at under 18 and under 19 level.

In 1978 he was a member of the Victorian under 18 side which was runner-up in the national championships held in Brisbane and he played for the successful under-19's who won the national title in 1979.

Drinoczky is powerful in the air and has excellent recovery.

He has his sights set on signing for a PSL or State League club and can be contacted at home on 337 7242.

MANECAS PLUCKS OUT THE KNIVES

Meno Toutsidis

When back-stabbing was at its fiercest at Hindmarsh Stadium during the past season, Portuguese star Manecas was a regular target.

Many people believed he was a failure and simply not worth the big fee West Adelaide paid his club Beira-Mar.

That was not just the thinking of fans and some officials, but even sections of the Adelaide press began to dip their pens in vitriol.

But now the relegation smog has lifted, it is clear that this likeable forward was indeed one of the successes of 1980.

He certainly didn't repay his full fee, but he did indeed repay part.

The most striking aspect of his 1980 performance was that he completely dominated the scoring in the second half of the season.

In the last 14 games, he netted five goals while in that same period five other players scored a goal each. In other words, he alone scored fifty per cent of the team's goals in that period.

Manecas finished the season as top scorer with six while John Kosmina was a goal behind him.

Manecas has scored nine PSL goals together. He netted three times for Sydney City in five guest appearances in 1977.

As a measure of West's faith in Manecas, it rejected Sydney City's interest in him.

Coach Billy Birch expects Manecas to be one of his key men next season and believes that when the black ace regains full confidence he will be one of the hardest men to stop in the PSL.

West is hoping he plays to his capabilities, because an in form Manecas means more dollars at the gate.

Meanwhile West Adelaide has signed a 19-year-old Rumanian defender, Cristinel Georgescu.

Georgescu has been in Adelaide for only a few months.

He was a member of the Rumanian first division club Sportul Studentesc. He made his debut at 15 and at 6ft 2ins he could be an acquistion to West's defence when his international clearance comes through.

Manecas shields the ball from Footscray's Mirko Rujevic.

New Ampol Cup

Adelaide City and West Adelaide have been seeded in the SA Ampol Cup and probably will meet in the final on 4 March.

The two PSL clubs have been slotted in different groups in the 1981 competition which has been drastically revamped.

The SA Soccer Federation has included an Amateur League select, a Second Division select and the State youth squad in the eight-team format.

The top three sides of the State League — Croatia, Para Hills and Cumberland — also will compete.

Normally, the top six teams of the State League competed, with each side playing the other once. The top four qualified for the semi-finals.

This is the second time since the start of the PSL that City and West are competing.

In 1979, West beat City 3-1 in a semi-final and then went on to win its eighth Ampol Cup with a 2-0 extra time win over Croatia.

The Ampol Cup will be the ideal testing ground for Billy Birch's new signings.

He already has clinched defender Gordon Haigh from Campbelltown and by the time the Cup kicks off on 14 January he is expected to have at least three other State league players.

The Cup will overlap the PSL, but that is hardly likely to concern West or City unless they are hit by a spate of injuries.

The two groups are:

GROUP A — Adelaide City, Cumberland, Amateur League Select, Para Hills.

GROUP B — West Adelaide, Croatia, Second Division Select, Youth Squad.

The draw:

Wednesday, 14 January — Second Division v Youth Squad; Adelaide City v Cumberland.

21 January — Para Hills v Amateurs; West Adelaide v Croatia.

28 January — Croatia v Second Division; Adelaide City v Amateurs.

4 February — Para Hills v Cumberland; West Adelaide v Youth Squad.

11 February — Croatia v Youth; Adelaide City v Para Hills.

18 February — Cumberland v Amateurs; West Adelaide v Second Division.

25 February — Semi-Finals. First team from Group B v second team from group A; First team from group A v second team from group B.

4 March — Final.

All matches will be played at Hindmarsh Stadium on Wednesday nights.

'Lads' have a run

Scotland maintained its unbeaten run in the over-35 championship when it convincingly defeated Croatia 5-0 at Ross Reserve, Springvale last week.

The win follows Scotland's 2-0 defeat of Yugoslavia in October this year.

Croatia looked better in the open exchanges but Scotland opened the scoring when Ernie Ackerley converted from the penalty spot after Jimmy Millar was brought down inside the area by Tony Ecimovic.

Jimmy Mackay made it 2-0 with a first-time side-foot shot at the near post from Ackerley's low cross.

Croatia's best chance of the first half fell to Joe Rajher who chipped Scottish keeper John Dohcery but his fine attempt hit the far upright.

At the half time the idea of an over-35 competition was impaired by the appearance of Paddy Bannon and Jimmy Rooney from Heidelberg United.

Scottish team manager Joe Docherty explained the substitutions in his customary comic style.

"We want to blood these youngsters (Bannon and Rooney) for later games.

"They're relatively inexperienced compared with the rest of the side and tonight's muggy conditions they'll experience in 1982." Docherty ended.

Jokes aside, let' shope this fine concept doesn't suddenly become an over-25 competition.

In the second half the Scots increased their lead with goals from Jimmy Armstrong, Ashy Scott and Bannon. — CRAIG McKENZIE

READERS' FORUM

WRONG, DOCTOR

SIR — After reading Dr Becker's article on comparing current football with the game of yesteryear, one can only assume he was talking with tongue in cheek.

I'd like to be rude to Dr Becker, but my upbringing would allow me to say only that he was talking a load of unadulterated excrement. If any reader has suddenly lost me, I'll hastily add that what I mean is: Dr Friedbert Becker was uttering garbage.

Anyone can become over-sentimental and get carried away down memory lane, (especially after a few beers) but whether we are drunk or sober, the facts remain the same, and I refer particularly to the English football scene during the thirties, forties and fifties.

Paradoxically, the first world Cup competition was held in 1930, and just to refresh your memories, Uruguay became the first holders by beating Argentina 4-2 in the final. I say paradocially because while I want to concentrate on the English football of that era, as an Englishman, I'd be one of the first to admit that when it comes to soccer, England hasn't always had it its own way.

Dr Becker says it's incredibly easy to find proof that football played now is better than it was decades ago. He then goes on to give a string of examples comparing football with runners, swimmers and so on. Are these fair or practical comparisons? I doubt it. Johan Sebastian Bach has been described as a composer whose contrapuntal genius is second to none. Mr Bach was turning out his music between 1685-1750. Has anyone bettered him yet? Has anyone improved on the football feat of Sir Stanley Matthews who was voted footballer of the year in 1947-48 and again in 1962-63 and in 1965 became the first professional footballer to be knighted?

When Billy Wright retired in 1959 he held a record number of 105 International caps, has anyone beaten that?

So much for a couple of records but what of the game itself? I believe it was more exciting, robust and honest, particularly in the forties and fifties, than compared with the present day. When Dr Becker starts comparing speed, I'd like to remind him of two Arsenal players from the late forties, Laurie Scott and Ian Macpherson. Laurie scott was an International full back whose tremendous speed could dramatically change the course of a game. His turn of foot, particularly in 20 and 30 metre burst was often likened to Olympic sprinters and I'd like to remind Dr Becker that Scott was controlling a ball at the same time. There was nothing rigid in his play, and if anyone wanted living proof that the best plan for defence is attack, all they had to do was to go and see Scott in action. Macpherson was a totally different personality. He probably was one of the fastest footballers of alltime. Unfortunately for Macpherson he had absolutely no idea of ball control. He could travel from the half-way line to the corner flag quicker than you could say Dr Friedebert Becker, but more often than not he wouldn't have the ball with him. One moment the supporters would be cheering wildly as they watched him go, and the next moment it was usually groans of despair.

It's always been a debatable point in football that you can do without speed if you have skill. There were other fast players about in the forties and fifties and those decades certainly didn't lack players with skill. I could go on forever but to name a few, what about: Johnny Carey, Joe Mercer, Harry Johnston, Nat Lofthouse, Tom Finney, Don Revie, Wilf Mannion, Jimmy Hagan, Danny Blanchflower? These are but some of the great and skilful players of that time. Are we to seriously believe that today these players wouldn't get a look in on some unknown reserve?

Not only did the period from 1930 to 1950 produce some of the greatest players the game ever has known, it also reared the real opportunists that the game so sadly lacks today. What about Cliff Bastin of the Arsenal? In the thirties he burst the goal net on no less than 27 occasions, were they 27 flukes? Was Dixie Dean's record number of goals a flash in the pan? Was Freddie Cox's ability to score direct goals from corner kicks luck or skill? Don't forget Dr Becker, he didn't do it once or twice, he did it on quite a number of occasions. Then there was Fred Steele who played centre forward for Stoke City in the forties. Although only five foot and a bit, Fred Steele was almost unbeatable in the air as he had the uncanny knack of being able to stay levitated. Who remembers Dr Kevin O'Flannagan who played for the Arsenal? He possessed the amazing ability of being able to keep the ball between his feet and leap over the oncoming opponent's head. This was sheer agility at its very best. The list could go on and on. There is no doubt in my mind that English football of the thirties, forties and fifties was staged by players of a calibre that we are not likely to see again. Not only were the players fast and skilful, it was an era where one could witness opportunism at its very best. If Dr Becker travelled to see English football during this period, I assume he must have watched the game with his eyes closed.

Of course, there have been brilliant players since those days, and no doubt their training routines are second to none. Possibly they are fitter and healthier than the players of yore. But when a team performs constantly like a machine, individualism flies out of the window. Saturday before last there were seven drawn games from 11 matches in the English first division. This is a clear indication of how keen the competition is in 1980, but doesn't it also point to the fact that on this day no fewer than 14 clubs out of 22 lacked an opportunist?

While nobody likes to watch a greedy player, few would deny the pleasure of seeing an individualist in action. Remember it's the individualist who becomes the core of the entertainment. Why was football crowd behaviour particularly bad during the sixties and seventies? Were the fans not getting enough entertainment value?

I'm not going to be naive and deny that athletes of today are not faster than yesteryear, but what has this to do with football other than proving that some of today's "kick and rush" can be watched at a quicker pace? Surely it's what one does with the ball that counts, and not so much the speed at which the player arrives at it. Speed and pace are no real substitutes for artistry and skill. Possibly Dr Becker never experienced the like of Hagan, Lawton and Matthews in action.

—MICHAEL MORELY

GOALS NEEDED

SIR — Re your front page of Wed. 12 November regarding falling attendances in the PSL "Soccer Action" has highlighted the problem for some time but the sport hasn't come to grips with it.

There has been some thought given to it but mostly airy-fairy fancy talk and very little commonsense. I believe it's time the sport got back to basics, which is entertaining, attacking soccer.

This boring ultra-defensive, don't loose-at-any-cost game, as practised by too many clubs will not attract the soccer public back to the game. Remember the early 60s? While spectators will applaud ball skills, imagination and quick thinking, they want this allied with goals and attacking soccer.

One thing I must mention, and it has been suggested here before and now I see in Britain (it doesn't seem to be needed in West Germany) is a different point scoring system which would have to be thought through but would most probably get rid of this defensive one-point football. Basically it means more points for winning.

Many things I believe need thinking about and one is the offside law which is controversial in itself. I'm referring to this penchant of defences moving out as far as the half way line and restricting space for playing this great game. Another is the sliding tackle which restricts the ball player and makes for snappy soccer.

It's certainly, I believe, time for the sport to think about improving its image in Australia as a whole and less about selfish clubs and individuals which are around in all sports and organisations, let's face it.

We have made progress but we need much more, especially spectators. Considering the number of migrants from soccer countries, this is amazing.

— T. EDGAR, Springvale, Vic.

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ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ

ΣΤΙΣ πρόσφατες έκλογές τοῦ Ἡρακλῆ ἐξελέγησαν οἱ ἑξῆς:

Σ.Παπαδόπουλος, Γ.Λυμπερογιάννης, Γ.Ποστέκος, Γ.Χειμώνας, Ν.Τσακνής, Τρ.Νομόσης, Σ.Γουΐλλιαμς, Δ.Κτενάς, Γ.Ψυμάρης, Χρ.Παναγόπουλος, Κ.Κριτικάκης, Μαρ.Ἀθάνατος, Κ.Θεοδωρόπουλος, Η.Χειμώνας, Γ.Ραχοβίτσας, Κ.Μοστοράκης.

Τό νέο Δ.Συμβούλιο τοῦ Ἡρακλῆ πρόκειται νά γίνει σέ σῶμα στίς 26 νοεμβρίου "80.

Ὁ χορός τοῦ συλλόγου θά δοθεί στίς 13 Δεκεμβρίου στό Μπρόκγοϋντ Ρεσέψιονς στό Τόμασταουν.

ΦΛΩΡΙΝΑ

ΠΡΩΤΟΣ παίκτης στήν ὁμάδα Φλώρινα γιά τήν σαιζόν πού μᾶς πέρασε βγῆκε ὁ Γιάννης Καρλής καί τόν ἀκολούθησαν οἱ Νίκος Τζίκος καί Θωμάς Ἀλιπανόπουλος.

ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΛ

Τό νέο διοικητικό Συμβούλιο τῆς Δόξας Γιάρραβιλ ἔχει ὡς ἑξῆς:

Πρόεδρος: Δημ.Ἀμανατίδης, Ἀντιπρόεδρος: Ἀνδρέας Σκαπούλας, Γραμματέας: Ααζ.Σιδηρόπουλος, Ταμίας: Κ.Παπαδόπουλος, Β'Ταμίας: Κ.Φουδρής, Ἐπί τοῦ Τύπου: Β.Ντεντές, Ὑπεύθυνος γηπέδου: Η.Παλλιγιώργος, Γεν.Ἀρχηγός: Α.Παπαχριστοδούλου καί Ἔφορος: Ἰωάννης Γιότας.

Προπονητής καί γιά τήν νέα σαιζόν στήν Δόξα θά εἶναι ὁ Τάκης Ζβίγγος.

Στίς 23-11-80 ἡ Δόξα στό γήπεδό της διοργανώνει Μπάρμπεκιου καί τήν ἴδια ἡμέρα θά γίνει καί φιλικός ἀγώνας μεταξύ τῆς Α'καί τῆς Β'ὁμάδας.

ΚΩΛΦΗΛΝΤ ΣΙΤΥ

Ξεπέρασαν τά 450 ἄτομα -φίλοι τοῦ Κώλφηλντ Σίτυ τά ὁποῖα ἔδωσαν τό παρόν στήν πρώτη ἐκδήλωση τοῦ συλλόγου, στό Μπάρμπεκιου πού δόθηκε μέ καταπληκτική ἐπιτυχία τό περασμένο Σάββατο στήν οἰκία τοῦ Γραμματέα κ.Γιώργου Ζαφειρόπουλου. Μεταξύ τῶν φίλων καί ὀπαδῶν τοῦ Κώλφηλντ Σίτυ, ἦταν καί πάρα πολλοί ποδοσφαιριστές οἱ ὁποῖοι ἐξεδήλωσαν τήν ἐπιθυμία νά φορέσουν τήν φανέλλα τοῦ συλλόγου στήν νέα σαιζόν.

Ἡ πρώτη αὐτή ἐκδήλωση τοῦ Κώλφηλντ Σίτυ μᾶς ἔκανε νά πιστέψουμε ὅτι ἡ ὁμάδα αὐτή θά πάει μπροστά γιατί οἱ ἄνθρωποι πού τήν ἀνέλαβαν γνωρίζουν ἀπόλυτα ἀπό διοργανώσεις καί γενικά τό τί χρειάζεται μιά ὁμάδα γιά νά προκόψει.

Ὅπως μάθαμε ἡ ἑπόμενη ἐκδήλωση τοῦ Κώλφηλντ Σίτυ θά γίνει στίς 13 Δεκεμβρίου "80.

Ὅσοι ποδοσφαιρισταί ἐνδιαφέρονται νά παίζουν μέ τήν ὁμάδα τοῦ Κώλφηλντ Σίτυ νά τηλεφωνήσουν στόν Γραμματέα τοῦ συλλόγου κ.Γ.Ζαφειρόπουλο στόν ἀριθμό : 569 8226.

Σύμφωνα μέ τόν γεν.ἀρχηγό κ.Ἄγγελο Ἀπόκη οἱ ὧρες τῶν προπονήσεων θά γίνουν πολύ σύντομα γνωστές. Πιστεύεται δέ ὅτι θά ἀρχίσουν ἐντός τοῦ μηνός.

ΩΚΑΗ

Τόν ἐτήσιο χορό του δίδει τό ΩΚΑΗ στίς 29 τρέχοντος μηνός καί πιστεύεται ὅτι οἱ φίλοι τοῦ συλλόγου θά δώσουν τό παρόν.

Ὁ χορός θά γίνει στό Χώλλ τῆς τοπικῆς κοινότητας καί κατά τήν διάρκεια τῆς βραδιᾶς θά δωθοῦν τά ἀναμνηστικά ἔπαθλα στούς ποδοσφαιριστάς.

Ο ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΣ

Τό Σάββατο δίδει τόν ἐτήσιο χορό της ἡ Ἑλλάς Μελβούρνης στό πολυτελές CAMBERWELL CIVIC CENTRE τοῦ CAMBERWELL.

Γιά τά εἰσιτήρια σας τηλεφωνήσατε στόν κ.Νίκο Ζέρβα στό 543 4873.

Κατά τήν διάρκεια τῆς βραδιᾶς θά ἀναδειχθεί καί ἡ Μίςς Σάουθ Μέλμπουρν Χέλλας "80.

ΔΕΝ ΥΠΑΡΧΕΙ ΘΕΜΑ ΤΑΝΣΕΥ

Ὅπως μᾶς εἶπε ὁ πρόεδρος τοῦ Ἀλεξάνδρου κ.Τζίμ Μαγκόπουλος " δέν ὑπάρχει θέμα Τάνσεϋ γιά τόν Μέγα καί τοῦτο διότι τακτοποίησα τήν περίπτωσή του πρίν φύγει ὁ παίκτης μέ τήν τουρνέ τῆς Ἐθνικῆς Αὐστραλίας"

Ὡς γνωστόν ὁ παίκτης εἶχε δείξει διαθέσεις γιά ὁμάδα τοῦ Σύδνεϋ.

Πάντως στήν νέα σαιζόν ὁ Ἀλέξανδρος δέν πρόκειται νά κάνει ἀγορές παικτῶν ἀφοῦ φυσικά δέν θά ἀφήσει νά τοῦ φύγει καί κανένας ποδοσφαιριστής.

Ἐπίσης πρόθεση τοῦ Δ.Συμβουλίου εἶναι νά προωθηθοῦν καί παίκτες τῆς Β'ὁμάδας στήν 16άδα τοῦ Φίλιπς Λήγκ.

ΑΔΙΑΦΟΡΟΥΝ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΡΕΖΙΛΙΚΙ;

Συνεχίζει μιά ὁμάδα μας νά χρωστάει ἕνα μικρό ποσόν στόν προπονητή της.

Νομίζουμε ὅτι ἐκτός ἀπό τόν ἀρρωστημένο δικτάτορα πρόεδρό της ὑπάρχουν καί ὑγιεῖς παράγοντες μέσα στήν ὁμάδα οἱ ὁποῖοι θά καταλάβουν ὅτι δέν ἀξίζει τόν κόπο νά γίνονται ρεζίλι κι'αὐτοί καί ὁ σύλλογός τους ἐπειδή στίς ὑποχρεώσεις τους δέν εἶναι συνεπεῖς.

ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ

Κάθε Πέμπτη συνεχίζονται ἀνεπίσημες φυσικά στό παλαιό γήπεδο οἱ προπονήσεις τοῦ Μάλβερν Σίτυ.

Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ

Ὅσοι νέοι ποδοσφαιριστές ἐπιθυμοῦν νά φορέσουν τήν φανέλλα τῆς Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ νά ἔλθουν σ'ἐπαφή μέ τόν γεν.ἀρχηγό τοῦ συλλόγου Μανώλη Βάθη στό γήπεδο τοῦ Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν κάθε Πέμπτη ὅπου γίνονται ἀνεπίσημες προπονήσεις.

Ε Υ Χ Ε Σ

Πρίν λίγες ἡμέρες παντρεύτηκε ὁ παράγων τοῦ Κώλφηλντ Σίτυ Ἀντώνης Λιουδάκης τήν ἐκλεκτή τῆς καρδιᾶς του δεσποινίδα Χαρίκλεια.

Ἡ στήλη εὔχεται στό εὐτυχές ζευγάρι "Βίον Εὐτυχῆ"

ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑΣ

Προπονητή ζητάει ὁ Λεωνίδας. Οἱ ἐνδιαφερόμενοι νά γράφουν στήν ἑξῆς διεύθυνση: BRUNSWICK CITY S.C. P.O.BOX 56 BRUNSWICK 3056.

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT"

Sydney Olympic striker Andy Scott squares the ball in a match against Manly.

1980 in pictures

Hakoah full back Gerry Edmondson and goalkeeper Mike O'Hara (right) combine to foil Preston Makedonia's Peter Ollerton.

Paul Burrows (above) took over Newcastle KB United's central striker's role when Mark Trenter moved to Sydney City.

Italian national coach Enzo Bearzot agonises during a news conference in Rome as he talks about Portuguese referee Jose Garrido who refused to grant Italy a penalty during the European championship game against Belgium. Bearzot said: "It was definitely a penalty," and "the Belgians immediately stepped forward to mislead the referee, I believe Italy deserved to get into the final with West Germany." Instead, it was Belgium that advanced to the final, where it was beaten by the Germans.

West Adelaide and Australian international keeper Martyn Crook (right) looks to where the ball ended as Zdravko Lujic of J.U.S.T. holds his hands up in despair.

Klaus Allofs raises a fist in triumph after scoring the first of his three goals for West Germany against Holland in the European championships. Team mate Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (left) congratulates Allofs.

MONEY MAGIC

with Michael Morley

This Saturday marks the first round of the FA cup and at this stage it involves only the Third and Fourth division clubs from the English league.

In the past, many Cup matches have had to be fought more than once and there's no reason to believe the pattern will alter this season. Take my tip and include at least a few of these games in your entry for this week. The numbers for these games on the match list are 22-36 inclusive.

My best form selections from the cup games are Colchester v Portsmouth, Darlington v Bury, Reading v Fulham, Stockport v Shef. U.

In the past two weeks there were 11 drawn games from the English first division matches. You don't have to be a great mathematician to calculate that 11 drawn games from 22 = 50%. This is a very high percentage indeed and a clear indication that it could prove foolish to ignore the English first division when making your score draw selections.

Champions Liverpool were again held to a draw last Saturday and so far making it nine draws from 16 matches. This Saturday the champions entertain the current leaders Aston Villa in what will probably be the match of the day. I give my preference to Liverpool but only just.

Apart from the ground advantage the champions have a very impressive record over their opponents in recent years scoring 14 goals with three against them their last five corresponding matches. The scores were: 4-1, 3-0, 1-2, 3-0, 3-0. My best matches on form from the first division for score draws are at Birmingham, Manchester C., Middlesborough and Notts F.

In the English second division I believe the closest games will be played at Cardiff, Oldham and Watford. Several of this week's Scottish games look worth following and from these my best are the matches at Clydebank, Morton, Falkirk, Motherwell, Brechin, Forfar and Stenhousemuir.

My planned entry for this week covers 14 matches and if you would like to try this bet I have left a blank line in the diagram for your selections.

It will involved three entries of system 11 and at 50 cents each the investment is $1.50. Choose your 14 matches and then reading from left to right put your best five selections in the first five spaces on the blank line. It doesn't matter in what order you place your other matches. When you have entered all your selections on the blank line use the corresponding X's as set out in the diagram as you transfer your match numbers on to the entry form. Take care in the choice of your five best matches as these will appear in each entry of the investment.

- With eight score draws in any one of the three system entries you would be automatically assured of a first dividend.
- If three of your best five matches are score draws and you have a further six score draws falling anywhere among your other nine games, you would be certain of having at least 12 lines containing seven score draws in the entry.

14 MATCH PLAN

2	5	8	24	31	15	18	21	34	40	46	50	51	55
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X

SELECTIONS

WEEK 17
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DIVISION 1	ARSENAL	EVERTON	1
	BIRMINGHAM	TOTTENHAM	2
	BRIGHTON	MAN. UTD.	3
	LIVERPOOL	ASTON VILLA	4
	MAN. CITY	COVENTRY	5
	MIDDLESBRO'	WOLVES	6
	NORWICH	SUNDERLAND	7
	NOTT'M FOR.	IPSWICH	8
	SOUTH'PTON	LEEDS	9
	STOKE	CRYSTAL P.	10
	WEST BROM.	LEICESTER	11
DIVISION 2	BOLTON	GRIMSBY	12
	BRISTOL R.	DERBY	13
	CAMB'GE U.	BRISTOL C.	14
	CARDIFF	LUTON	15
	CHELSEA	SHEFF. WED.	16
	NEWCASTLE	WREXHAM	17
	OLDHAM	ORIENT	18
	PRESTON	Q.P.R.	19
	SHREWSBURY	NOTTS C.	20
	WATFORD	BLACKBURN	21
	WEST HAM	SWANSEA	22
F.A. CUP	CHESTER	BARNSLEY	23
	COLCHESTER	PORTSMOUTH	24
	DARLINGTON	BURY	25
	HULL	HALIFAX	26
	MANSFIELD	ROCHDALE	27
	NORTH'PTON	PETERBORO'	28
	OXFORD UTD.	ALDERSHOT	29
	PLYMOUTH	NEWPORT	30
	READING	FULHAM	31
	SCUNTHORPE	HARTLEPOOL	32
	SOUTHEND	HEREFORD	33
	STOCKPORT	SHEFF. UTD.	34
	TRANMERE	YORK	35
	WIGAN A.	CHESTERF'LD	36
SCOTTISH PREMIER	CELTIC	ST. MIRREN	37
	HEARTS	RANGERS	38
	KILMARNOCK	ABERDEEN	39
	MORTON	AIRDRIE	40
	PARTICK	DUNDEE UTD.	41
DIVISION 1	BERWICK	E. STIRLING	42
	CLYDEBANK	HIBERNIAN	43
	DUNDEE	STIRLING A.	44
	DUNF'MLINE	AYR UTD.	45
	FALKIRK	ST. JOHNS'NE	46
	MOTHERWELL	DUMBARTON	47
	RAITH	HAMILTON	48
DIVISION 2	ALBION R.	ALLOA	49
	BRECHIN	ARBROATH	50
	FORFAR	CLYDE	51
	MEADOWB'K	COWDENB'TH	52
	Q. OF SOUTH	EAST FIFE	53
	QUEENS PK.	STRANRAER	54
	STENH'SEM'R	MONTROSE	55

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal 2 West Bromwich 2, Aston Villa 1 Leeds 1, Coventry 2 Birmingham 1, Crystal Palace 2 Liverpool 2, Everton 2 Sunderland 1, Ipswich 3 Leceister 1, Manchester City 3 Southhampton 0, Middlesbrough 1 Manchester United 1, Nottingham Forest 0 Tottenham 3, Stoke 3 Norwich 1, Wolverhampton 0 Brighton 2.

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn 2 Cardiff 3, Bolton v Notts County, postponed, Bristol City 0 Preston 0, Derby 0 Cambridge 3, Grimsby 1 Shrewsbury 0, Luton 3 West Ham 2, Newcastle 1 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Orient 2, Bristol Rovers 2, Queen's Park Rangers 2 Oldham 0, Swansea v Watford postponed, Wrexham 0 Chelsea 4.

DIVISION THREE

Blackpool 1 Swindon 1, Brentford 0 Charlton 1, Fulham 1 Rotherham 1, Gillingham 1 Exeter 5, Huddersfield 2 Chesterfield 0, Hull 3 Millwall 1, Newport 1 Burnley 2, Oxford 1 Chester 0, Plymouth 1 Colchester 1, Portsmouth 0 Barnsley 1, Sheffield United 2 Carlisle 2, Walsall 2 Reading 2.

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot 0 Scunthorpe 0, Bournemouth 1 York 1, Bradford 2 Wimbledon 0, Doncaster 2 Port Vale 0, Hartlepool 3 Wigan 1, Mansfield 0 Halifax 1, Northampton 2 Darlington 2, Peterborough 1 Lincoln 0, Rochdale v Stockport postponed, Southend 1 Bury 0, Torquay 1 Crewe 0, Tranmere v Hereford postponed.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen 2 Partick 1, Aidrie 1 Celtic 4, Dundee United 2 St Mirren 0, Morton 2 Hearts 2, Rangers 2 Kilmarnock 0.

DIVISION ONE

Ayr 1 Clydebank 0, Dumbarton 2 Raith 0, Falkirk 0 Dundee 3, Hibernian 3 Hamilton 3, Motherwell 2 Berwick 1, St Johnstone 2 Dunfermline 4, Stirling 4 East Stirling 2.

DIVISION TWO

Alloa 0 MOntrose 4, Arbroath 3 Stranraer 1, Brechin 2 Albion 2, Clyde 2 Meadowbank 1, Cowdenbeath 0 Stenhousemuir 1, East Fife 0 Queens Park 2, Queen of the South 1 Forfar 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa	18	7	1	1	18	5	5	3	1	15	10	28
Ipswich	16	5	3	0	14	3	4	3	1	13	8	24
Liverpool	17	8	3	0	23	7	1	6	1	12	11	23
Everton	18	5	4	0	17	7	4	0	5	13	13	22
Arsenal	18	6	3	0	16	6	2	3	4	12	13	22
Man.Utd	18	3	6	0	16	6	2	5	2	8	8	21
Nottm.For	18	7	0	2	22	11	1	5	3	4	8	21
WBA	17	5	2	1	13	4	2	5	2	8	11	21
Tottenham	17	4	4	0	17	9	3	2	4	14	17	20
Birmnghm	17	4	4	1	13	7	2	2	4	10	13	18
Sunderland	18	4	2	3	13	9	2	3	4	11	13	17
Stoke	17	3	4	2	14	10	2	3	3	7	18	17
Coventry	18	5	2	2	15	14	2	1	6	7	14	17
Southamptn	18	5	2	2	22	14	1	2	6	9	18	16
Middlesbro	18	4	4	1	17	8	2	0	7	9	21	16
Wolves	17	5	0	3	8	7	0	4	5	7	18	14
Leeds Utd	18	4	2	3	7	10	1	2	6	9	20	14
Man.City	18	3	2	4	11	14	1	3	5	10	17	13
Brighton	18	3	1	5	10	11	1	3	5	10	20	12
Norwich	18	3	4	3	16	13	1	0	8	5	23	12
Crystal Pal	18	4	1	4	17	15	0	1	8	4	21	10
Leicester	18	3	2	4	8	9	1	0	8	4	21	10

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

West Ham	17	8	0	1	23	6	3	4	1	7	5	28
Notts City	17	6	3	0	15	5	4	3	1	8	7	28
Chelsea	18	4	3	2	17	8	6	2	1	18	10	25
Sheffld Wed	18	8	1	0	18	5	1	3	5	7	18	22
Swansea	17	4	2	2	13	9	3	5	1	11	7	21
Blackburn	18	6	2	1	15	5	2	2	5	7	13	20
Orient	18	5	2	2	16	7	2	3	4	11	14	19
Cambridge	18	6	0	3	15	9	3	1	5	9	17	19
Newcastle	18	5	3	1	10	6	2	2	5	6	19	19
Luton	18	4	3	2	14	10	3	1	5	10	13	18
Derby Cnty	17	3	3	2	13	13	3	3	3	10	12	18
QPR	18	5	2	2	17	6	1	3	5	6	12	17
Preston	17	3	4	1	9	6	1	4	4	6	13	16
Shrewsbury	18	4	3	2	14	10	0	4	5	3	11	15
Cardiff	18	5	1	3	12	9	2	0	7	8	18	15
Bolton	17	4	2	2	18	10	1	2	6	8	16	14
Watford	17	6	1	2	14	9	0	1	7	7	16	14
Wrexham	18	3	2	4	9	12	2	2	5	6	9	14
Oldham	18	4	4	1	8	3	0	2	7	4	15	14
Grimsby	17	3	5	1	4	2	0	3	5	4	13	14
Bristol City	18	3	4	2	9	8	0	2	7	4	19	12
Bristol R	18	1	5	3	10	11	0	3	8	6	18	10

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Charlton	21	9	0	1	22	8	5	3	3	15	11	31
Chesterfield	21	8	1	1	19	8	4	3	4	17	12	28
Barnsley	21	7	2	2	19	6	4	4	2	15	13	28
Rotherham	22	7	4	0	20	4	2	5	4	9	13	27
Huddersfld	22	7	3	1	18	4	3	3	5	13	11	26
Burnley	21	6	3	1	17	6	3	5	3	10	10	26
Portsmth	20	8	1	3	16	11	5	0	4	11	9	25
Plymouth	22	6	2	3	19	12	2	6	3	10	10	24
Sheffld Utd	22	7	3	1	21	7	2	1	8	15	18	22
Exeter	21	4	3	3	16	14	5	1	5	18	16	22
Reading	20	7	1	2	21	10	2	2	6	10	19	21
Brentford	22	2	3	6	12	15	6	2	3	16	12	21
Walsall	22	4	4	3	22	21	3	3	5	8	13	21
Chechester	20	6	1	3	11	7	2	3	5	4	9	20
Colchester	22	5	6	0	17	9	1	2	8	5	20	20
Blackpool	21	2	4	4	12	17	4	3	4	14	17	19
Gillingham	22	4	5	2	13	12	1	4	6	9	21	19
Newport	19	5	1	4	15	12	3	1	5	14	16	18
Fulham	22	2	5	4	7	13	3	2	6	16	18	17
Oxford	22	1	4	6	6	15	4	3	4	10	10	17
Millwall	21	6	3	2	16	10	0	1	9	5	26	16
Carlisle	21	2	4	4	13	21	2	3	6	13	22	15
Swindon	21	3	2	6	10	18	1	3	6	7	18	13
Hull	22	3	3	5	10	12	0	4	7	6	25	13

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

Southend	22	11	0	0	24	1	4	2	5	14	14	32
Lincoln	22	7	3	1	29	6	6	2	3	11	6	31
Hartlepools	22	8	0	3	21	9	4	4	3	13	16	28
Aldershot	22	6	5	0	9	1	4	1	6	9	15	26
Peterboro	22	5	4	2	18	13	4	3	4	17	15	25
Mansfield	22	7	2	2	16	6	4	1	6	10	13	25
Bradford	22	5	4	2	16	11	4	3	4	13	14	25
Doncaster	22	7	2	2	16	8	3	2	6	8	18	24
Wimbledon	22	7	1	3	21	8	3	1	7	8	15	22
Crewe	21	4	4	3	15	12	3	4	3	13	17	22
Tranmere	21	8	0	2	22	6	1	3	7	8	22	21
Darlington	22	5	2	4	21	15	4	1	6	11	18	21
Rochdale	21	6	2	2	16	9	0	6	5	12	22	20
York	22	6	2	3	18	7	1	4	6	6	21	20
Stockport	21	3	4	4	14	17	4	2	4	10	13	20
Bournemth	22	5	4	2	11	7	2	2	7	8	18	20
Northamptn	21	6	1	3	19	11	3	1	7	9	25	20
Scunthorpe	22	3	5	3	17	15	2	4	5	7	14	19
Wigan	21	7	2	2	17	8	1	1	8	5	21	19
Torquay	21	6	0	4	17	9	2	2	7	7	19	18
Port Vale	22	6	3	2	20	9	1	1	9	9	26	18
Bury	22	5	2	4	20	14	1	1	9	12	24	15
Halifax	22	4	1	6	14	17	1	4	6	8	18	15
Hereford	21	3	5	3	13	10	0	3	7	3	22	14

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen	14	5	2	0	20	7	6	1	0	13	2	25
Rangers	14	5	2	0	15	2	3	4	0	18	8	22
Celtic	14	4	1	2	14	8	5	1	1	16	8	20
Partick	14	3	2	2	7	6	3	1	3	6	11	15
Dundee Utd	14	1	4	2	9	11	3	2	2	7	5	14
Airdrie	14	3	2	2	7	9	1	4	2	8	10	14
St. Mirren	14	1	3	3	6	9	2	1	4	13	11	10
Morton	14	1	2	4	10	15	1	3	3	4	11	9
Hearts	14	0	1	6	1	11	2	2	3	10	13	7
Kilmarnock	14	0	1	6	3	21	1	1	5	4	13	4

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Raith	17	5	2	1	13	7	5	2	2	16	8	24
Hibernian	17	5	2	1	16	7	5	2	2	13	8	24
Ayr	17	6	2	1	16	5	3	2	3	8	8	22
Dundee	17	6	2	1	18	7	2	2	4	7	9	20
St. Johnstone	17	2	2	5	6	13	4	4	0	13	3	18
Motherwell	17	6	2	0	17	7	1	2	8	10	21	18
Hamilton	17	5	2	1	22	10	1	2	6	10	16	17
Dumbarton	17	3	2	3	11	11	3	3	3	17	14	17
Dunfrmine	17	4	1	4	8	9	2	3	3	14	13	16
Clydebank	17	5	2	2	18	15	1	2	5	10	14	16
EStirling	17	3	3	2	12	11	1	3	5	12	17	14
Falkirk	17	4	2	3	17	17	1	1	6	3	14	13
Stirling A	17	2	3	3	9	11	1	2	6	2	12	11
Berwick	17	2	3	3	10	13	0	1	8	7	35	8

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Alloa	17	5	2	1	14	7	3	5	1	15	18	23
Queens Prk	17	3	5	1	15	10	4	3	1	16	7	22
Cowdenbth	17	8	1	1	14	8	2	3	4	11	13	20
Montrose	17	4	2	3	10	11	4	1	3	20	10	19
Stenhsmuir	17	3	3	3	13	9	3	3	2	16	12	18
Arbroath	17	1	3	4	11	17	5	3	1	22	10	18
Queen O'South	17	2	5	2	14	17	3	3	2	12	10	18
Clyde	17	5	2	2	17	14	3	0	6	8	12	18
Forfar	17	3	3	3	13	14	3	2	3	13	11	17
Albcalbion R	17	3	2	3	12	17	2	4	3	12	12	16
East Fife	16	3	4	1	12	10	1	2	5	6	12	14
Brechin	17	2	4	2	7	8	1	3	5	9	20	13
Meadowbnk	17	2	0	6	7	18	2	2	5	11	14	10
Stranraer	18	3	0	5	7	17	1	2	5	6	15	10